



This is an Royal Netherlands F-16M, 726, was an display at FIDAE 2016. The aircraft serves with Grupo 8 at Corvo Wences Air Base, Antofagasta. It was one of the 11, from the second batch that was flown direct from the Netherlands to Chile between 2006-2007. All of the aircraft had received the mid-life upgrade (MLU) prior to being delivered.

This CASA 212-300, 960 from Grupo 8 at Corvo Wences Air Base, Antofagasta will be in remarkable condition after 22 years in service. The CASA 212s have proved to be invaluable in providing disaster response in remote areas.

All Going on at FIDAE 2016

Unusual and seldom-seen aircraft were present at the International Air & Space Fair, better known as FIDAE, between March 29 and April 3 at Arturo Merino Benitez Airport, Santiago, Chile. Photographs by **Dietmar Fenners**.



The Chilean Army is believed to operate seven MD530F, which were received in 1990. Initially delivered in an unarmed configuration, these were later modified by the service to carry machine guns and to rocket pods. These aging platforms, including its 28F seen here, are due for replacement by newer, more reliable types. All images by author.



The Fuerza Aérea de Chile (FACH, Chile Air Force) has its own VIP flight that is equipped with Gulfstream IVs. Serving within Grupo 10, aircraft 8127 flew in a number of civilian dignitaries and senior military officials for the show. The Gulfstream operates alongside a mixed fleet comprising Bell 412s, Boeing 737s, 767s and Cessna Q-20s at Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport, Santiago.

A small number of Colombian Air Force types attended FIDAE 2016 for static exhibit. Among them was this C295B serial 1265. It is one of six operated by 811 Squadron Grupo 81 at El Dorado Air Base, Bogotá for light transport and liaison duties.



An F-22A Raptor 08-4188 '37' from the USAF's 37th Fighter Squadron, 1st Air Force Wing, arrived at Puchuncaví from Langley AFB, Virginia. The Raptor was supported by KC-10A 84-6186 for its flight to Chile.

The Peruvian Air Force (FAF) will receive a total of 26 F-16C/D 'Warrior' aircraft by the end of the year. The first four were built by IAI at Sachse, South Korea. The remaining 22 aircraft will be constructed at FAF's Maintenance Service Department (SMAN) in Peru. This F-16C 433, serves with Grupo 51 and flew into the show from its home field at Pisco Air Base.

