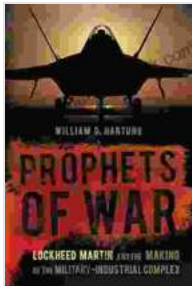


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Lockheed Martin is one of the world's largest defense contractors, and it has played a major role in the development of the military industrial complex. The company's history is closely intertwined with the history of the Cold War, and its products have been used in some of the most significant conflicts of the past century. In this article, we will explore the history of Lockheed Martin and its role in shaping the modern military industrial complex.

Early History

Lockheed Martin was founded in 1912 as the Loughead Aircraft Manufacturing Company. The company was founded by the brothers Allan and Malcolm Loughead, who were both engineers. The company's early

products were small aircraft, and it was not until the outbreak of World War II that Lockheed began to produce military aircraft.

During World War II, Lockheed produced a number of successful aircraft, including the P-38 Lightning fighter and the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. The P-38 was one of the most advanced fighters of its time, and it was used by the US Army Air Forces in a variety of roles, including air-to-air combat, ground attack, and reconnaissance. The C-130 Hercules is a long-range transport aircraft that has been used by the US Air Force and other military forces around the world for over 60 years.

The Cold War

After World War II, Lockheed continued to produce military aircraft for the US government. The company played a major role in the development of the military industrial complex, which is a network of companies and government agencies that are involved in the production of weapons and other military equipment. The military industrial complex was created in response to the threat of the Soviet Union, and it has been a major factor in the US economy ever since.

Lockheed Martin produced a number of important aircraft during the Cold War, including the U-2 spy plane, the F-104 Starfighter, and the SR-71 Blackbird. The U-2 was a high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft that was used to spy on the Soviet Union. The F-104 Starfighter was a supersonic fighter that was used by the US Air Force and other NATO countries. The SR-71 Blackbird was a high-speed reconnaissance aircraft that was used by the US Air Force to spy on the Soviet Union and other countries.

The Post-Cold War Era

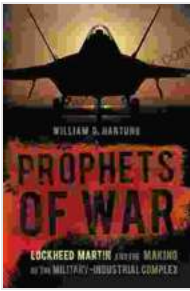
After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the military industrial complex declined in size, but Lockheed Martin continued to produce military aircraft for the US government. The company also began to produce civilian aircraft, and it is now one of the world's largest manufacturers of commercial airliners.

In recent years, Lockheed Martin has been involved in a number of major defense projects, including the development of the F-35 Lightning II fighter aircraft and the THAAD missile defense system. The F-35 Lightning II is a fifth-generation fighter aircraft that is being developed for the US Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. The THAAD missile defense system is a land-based missile defense system that is designed to intercept ballistic missiles.

The Future of Lockheed Martin

Lockheed Martin is well-positioned to continue to be a major player in the defense industry for many years to come. The company has a long history of innovation and success, and it is constantly developing new products and technologies. Lockheed Martin is also a key player in the global aerospace industry, and it is likely to continue to play a major role in the development of new aircraft and space systems.

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