



The Russian YAK-9U Fighter, represented a formidable threat which delivered the knock out blow to the Luftwaffe during World War II on the Eastern front. Due to the YAK-9's incredible speed, handling, reliability and firepower, German Messerschmitt BF-109s and Fock Wulf 190s suffered enormous losses. The Luftwaffe reported over 94,000 aircraft missing in action during World War II, more than 62,000 of these on the eastern front.

The YAK-9 was an aircraft of many roles. It was used as an escort for U.S. Army Air Corps B-17s during raids over Germany, ground attack, air to air combat, and as a light bomber. Many Female Russian fighter pilots achieved the status of ace (five kills) in the Yak 9.

The YAK-9 series was produced in greater numbers than any other aircraft during World War II. Over 35,000 YAK Fighters were built, the majority being YAK-9s. It was flown by several Allied Air Forces, including the French, the Polish, and the British.

The Yak-9 appearing at Wings and Wheels 2009 is based with the Delaware Aviation Museum here in Georgetown, Delaware