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Lineage and Honors History of the
35 Fighter Wing (PACAF)



Lineage. Established as 35 Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948. Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Redesignated as 35 Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 20 Jan 1950. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1957. Redesignated as 35 Tactical Fighter Wing, and activated, on 14 Mar 1966. Organized on 8 Apr 1966. Inactivated on 31 Jul 1971. Activated on 1 Oct 1971. Redesignated as: 35 Tactical

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Training Wing on 1 Jul 1984; 35 Tactical Fighter Wing on 5 Oct 1989; 35 Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 15 Dec 1992. Redesignated as 35 Wing on 9 Apr 1993. Activated on 31 May 1993. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1994. Redesignated as 35 Fighter Wing, and activated, on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments. 314 Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 314 Air Division, 25 May 1951; Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1952; Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954; 41 Air Division, 1 Mar 1955-1 Oct 1957 (attached to 6102 Air Base Wing, 1 Jul-1 Oct 1957). Pacific Air Forces, 14 Mar 1966; **Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966-31 Jul 1971.** Twelfth Air Force, 1 Oct 1971; Tactical Training, George, 1 Oct 1977; 831 Air Division, 1 Dec 1980; Twelfth Air Force, 31 Mar 1991-15 Dec 1992. First Air Force, 31 May 1993; Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1993-1 Oct 1994. Fifth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994-.

Operational Components. Group. 35 Fighter (later, 35 Fighter-Interceptor; 35 Operations): 18 Aug 1948-1 Oct 1957 (detached c. 9 Jul-1 Dec 1950, 7-24 May 1951; 14 Aug-30 Sep 1954); 31 May 1993-1 Oct 1994; 1 Oct 1994-. Squadrons. 2 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force: attached c. 19 Apr 1967- 4 Jun 1971. 8 Bombardment, Tactical (later, 8 Special Operations): attached 8-18 Apr 1966, 15 Jun-15 Aug 1966, 12 Oct-12 Dec 1966, 11 Feb-12 Apr 1967, 7 Jun-2 Aug 1967, 26 Sep-21 Nov 1967; assigned 15 Jan 1968-15 Nov 1969; assigned 30 Sep 1970-31 Jul 1971 (detached c. 16-31 Jul 1971). 8 Tactical Reconnaissance: attached 1 Apr-14 Aug 1950. 13 Bombardment, Tactical: attached 17 Apr-17 Jun 1966, 14 Aug-13 Oct 1966, 12 Dec 1966-11 Feb 1967, 11 Apr-8 Jun 1967, 1 Aug-26 Sep 1967, 21 Nov 1967-15 Jan 1968. 20 Tactical Fighter Training (later, 20 Fighter): 1 Dec 1972-8 Jul 1992. 21 Tactical Fighter Training (later, 21 Tactical Fighter; 21 Tactical Fighter Training): 1 Dec 1972-28 Jun 1991. 39 Fighter-Interceptor (later, 39 Tactical Fighter Training; 39 Tactical Fighter): attached 8 Oct 1956-1 Jul 1957; assigned 1 Jul 1977-11 May 1984. 40 Fighter-Interceptor (later, 40 Tactical Fighter): attached 15 Jan-14 Jul 1954 and 8 Oct 1956-1 Jul 1957; assigned 1 Jun 1972-30 Apr 1982. 41 Fighter-Interceptor: attached 9 Jul-1 Dec 1950 and 15 Jan-14 Jul 1954. 77 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force: attached 1 Dec 1950-6 Apr 1951. 120 Tactical Fighter: 30 Apr 1968-18 Apr 1969. 319 Fighter-Interceptor: attached 17 Aug-1 Oct 1954. 339 Fighter (later, 339 Fighter-Interceptor): attached 1 Jul 1949-25 Jun 1950, 6 Jul-1 Dec 1950 and 25 May 1951-20 Jul 1954. 352 Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966-31 Jul 1971. 390 Tactical Fighter: 8 Apr-10 Oct 1966. 431 Tactical Fighter Training: 15 Jan 1976-1 Oct 1978. 434 Tactical Fighter (later, 434 Tactical

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Fighter Training): 1 Oct 1971-1 Jan 1977 (detached 12 Aug-6 Oct 1972). 480 Tactical Fighter: attached 8 Apr-22 Jun 1966, assigned 23 Jun-10 Oct 1966. 561 Tactical Fighter (later, 561 Fighter): attached 1-14 Jul 1973, assigned 15 Jul 1973-30 Mar 1981; 5 Oct 1989-30 Jun 1992 (detached Aug 1990-Mar 1991). 562 Tactical Fighter (later, 562 Tactical Fighter Training; 562 Fighter): 31 Oct 1974-30 Mar 1981 (detached 12-30 Aug 1977); 5 Oct 1989-30 Jun 1992. 563 Tactical Fighter Training (later, 563 Tactical Fighter): 31 Jul 1975-30 Mar 1981. 612 Tactical Fighter: 15 Mar-15 Jul 1971. 614 Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966-15 Jul 1971. 615 Tactical Fighter: 10 Oct 1966-31 Jul 1971. 4435 Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1971-1 Dec 1972. 4435 Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971-15 Jan 1976. 4452 Combat Crew Training: 1 Oct 1971-1 Dec 1972. Detachment. Det 1, 612 Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 10 Oct 1966-8 Jun 1967 and 14 Apr 1969-15 Mar 1971.

Stations. Johnson AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Yonpo, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Pusan AB, South Korea, c. 7 Dec 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 25 May 1951; Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954-1 Oct 1957. Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966; **Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966-31 Jul 1971.** George AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1971-15 Dec 1992. Keflavik NAS, Iceland, 31 May 1993-1 Oct 1994. Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1994-.

Commanders. Col Edgar M. Scattergood Jr., 18 Aug 1948; Col Ray W. Clifton, 7 Sep 1948; Col William O. Moore, 3 Feb 1949; Col Lawrence C. Coddington, 22 Aug 1949; Col Robert W. Witty, 1 Apr 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 10 May 1950; Col Thomas B. Hall, 14 Aug 1950; Col Frederic C. Gray, 1 Dec 1950; Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 18 Feb 1951; Col Strother B. Hardwick Jr., 25 May 1951; Col William A. Schulgen, 28 May 1951; Col Jack S. Jenkins, 19 Jan 1952; Col Thomas J. Barrett, 7 Jun 1952; Col Richard S. Morrison, 19 Jun 1954; Col Fred D. Stevers, 1 Oct 1954; Col Eugene B. Fletcher, 31 Jul 1955; Col James E. Johnston, 15-30 Jun 1957; unkn, 1 Jul-1 Oct 1957. None (not manned), 14 Mar-7 Apr 1966; Col Franklin H. Scott, 8 Apr 1966; Col Allan P. Rankin, 10 May 1966; Col George S. Weart, 10 Oct 1966; Col James A. Wilson, 1 Mar 1967; Col Herndon F. Williams, 1 Feb 1968; Col Frank L. Gailer Jr., 23 Sep 1968; Brig Gen Walter Galligan, 9 Aug 1969; Col Walter C. Turnier, 10 Jun 1970; Col Cregg P. Nolan Jr., 1 Jan-c. 31 Jul 1971. Col Fred A. Treyz, 1 Oct 1971; Col William J. Holton, 20 Jul 1972; Col Charles R. Beaver, 24 Aug 1973; Col Richard A. Haggren, 11 Jul 1975; Brig Gen Robert W. Clement, 2 Feb 1976; Brig Gen Cecil D. Crabb, 9 Aug 1976 (additional duty, 1-20 Oct 1977); Col Dudley J. Foster, 21 Oct

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1977; Col Rolland W. Moore Jr., 22 Dec 1978; Col James D. Terry, 17 Jan 1980; Col Gary F. Fredricks, 8 Jan 1982; Col Needham B. Jones, 6 Feb 1984; Col Thomas R. Griffith, 31 Aug 1984; Col E. James Hardenbrook, 28 Aug 1986; Col George K. Muellner, 1 Jul 1988; Col Russell A. Everts, 15 Aug 1989; Col Merrill R. Karp, 8 Jun 1990; Col Robert T. Osterthaler, 25 Sep 1990; Col Merrill R. Karp, 23 Mar 1991; Col Michael D. Anthony, 30 Jun-15 Dec 1992. Col Thomas L. Allen, 31 May 1993; Col Branford J. McAllister, 11 Aug 1993; Col Richard B. Cross Jr., 27 Jul-1 Oct 1994. Maj Gen George W. Norwood, 1 Oct 1994; Brig Gen Paul V. Hester, 9 Nov 1995; Brig Gen Bruce A. Wright, 14 Feb 1997; Brig Gen Steven G. Wood, 13 Nov 1998; Brig Gen Loyd S. Utterback, 30 May 2000; Brig Gen Dana T. Atkins, 19 Jul 2002; Brig Gen William J. Rew, 15 Apr 2004; Brig Gen Salvatore A. Angelella, 26 Aug 2005; Col Terrence J. O’Shaughnessy, Jan 2007; Col David K. Stillwell, 25 Aug 2008; Col Robert L. Craig, 19 Jul 2010; Col Michael D. Rothstein, 31 Aug 2010; Col Stephen C. Williams, 4 Sep 2012-.

Aircraft. Principally F-51, 1948-1950, 1950-1951, 1951-1953; F-61, 1949-1950; F-80, 1949-1950, 1951-1954; F-82, 1949-1950; F-94, 1951-1954; F-86, 1952-1953, 1953-1957, but also included F-86, 1951; RF-80, 1950, 1951-1952, 1953-1954; RF-51, 1952-1953; RC-45, 1952-1954; and RT-7, 1952-1953. Principally F-4, 1966; F-100, 1966-1971; and B-57, 1966-1969; but also included F-102, 1966; MK-20 (Canberra), 1967-1971; and A-37, 1970-1971. F-4, 1971-1992; F-105, 1973-1980. F-15, 1993-1994, HH-60G, 1993-1994. F-16, 1994-.

Operations. The 35th Fighter Wing flew air defense missions in Japan, Aug 1948-Nov 1950. In Jul 1950, its tactical group and two squadrons deployed to Korea for combat, but the wing (with one assigned and one attached squadron) continued flying air defense missions in Japan as well as photographic reconnaissance of the Japanese coasts. Wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to South Korea on 1 Dec 1950, assuming resources of the 6150th Tactical Support Wing. Flew F-51 aircraft in combat operations, including armed reconnaissance, bomber escort, interdiction, and ground support. Returned to Japan on 25 May 1951 and resumed an air defense mission with some reconnaissance work. The tactical group was non-operational, 15 Jan-14 Jul 1954; during this time the wing directly controlled the 40th, 41st, and 339th Squadrons. The group returned to operational status on 15 Jul 1954, and from 14 Aug-30 Sep 1954 was detached from the wing. From 8 Oct 1956 the tactical group was again non-operational, and wing headquarters controlled the tactical squadrons until 1 Jul 1957, when it also became non-operational. From 1 Jul until inactivated on 1 Oct 1957, the

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wing was a “paper” unit, its units controlled by 41 Air Division. It organized again in Apr 1966 at Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, replacing the 6252d Tactical Fighter Wing, and controlled two F-4C squadrons, two rotational B-57 squadrons, and F-102 flights of the 64 Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, conducting combat operations in Southeast Asia. **On 1 Oct 1966 the 35th and 366th Wings moved in name only, the 35th Wing replacing the 366th Wing at Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, and becoming an F-100 organization.** The two B-57 squadrons also shifted bases, following the 35th Wing to Phan Rang. Missions of the 35th at that time included air support of ground forces, interdiction, visual and armed reconnaissance, strike assessment photography, escort, close and direct air support, and rapid reaction alert. It struck enemy bases and supply caches in the Parrot’s Beak area just inside the Cambodian border, Apr-May 1970 and provided close air support and interdiction in support of South Vietnamese operations in Laos and Cambodia, Jan-Jun 1971. Also attached to the wing at Phan Rang was RAAF Squadron No. 2, equipped with MK-20 Canberra bombers, which provided day and night bombing, photo strike assessment, and close air support primarily for 1 Australian Task Force in Phuoc Tuy Province. Another attached component, actually a de facto squadron, was the F-100-equipped Detachment 1, 612th TFS. On 15 Mar 1971, the 612th moved from Japan to Phan Rang in name only, replacing the detachment. It gained an A-37B squadron (8 SOS) in Sep 1970 and began phasing down for inactivation in Apr 1971, standing down from operations on 26 Jun 1971. Its remaining resources passed to the 315th Tactical Airlift Wing on 31 Jul 1971 when the 35th Wing inactivated. A few months later, the 35th activated at George AFB, CA, replacing the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing. It participated in tactical exercises, tests, and operations and provided F-4 aircrew and maintenance personnel replacement training. Gaining F-105 units beginning Jul 1973, in addition to F-4 units, it assumed a “Wild Weasel” (radar detection and suppression) mission and commenced “Wild Weasel” aircrew training in F-105 and F-4 aircraft in late 1975 but lost “Wild Weasel” assets in Mar 1981 to a second tactical wing that activated at George AFB. The 35th redesignated to a tactical training wing on 1 Jul 1984 but retained an air defense augmentation responsibility. It continued to provide operations and maintenance support for the close air support portion of US Army training exercises at the US Army National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA, 1981-1990. In addition, the wing advised Air National Guard units on F-4 operations, 1981-1991. With a structure that allowed for a dual-role mission, the wing’s mission consisted of both combat and training. It regained the “Wild Weasel” training mission in Sep 1989. The 561st Squadron deployed to the island state of Bahrain to exercise radar suppression, both training and combat operations, in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990-Mar 1991. It

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also rotated troops and aircraft to the Persian Gulf as part of the on-going US presence in Southwest Asia, beginning Jun 1991 and following with 90-day deployments. The wing began phasing down for inactivation and base closure in mid-1991. Its flying squadrons departed or inactivated by Jul 1992, and the wing remained non-operational until inactivated in Dec 1992. Equipped with F-15C and HH-60G helicopters, the wing replaced Air Forces Iceland at Keflavik NAS in May 1993. It provided air defense and rescue forces until 1 Oct 1994 when it inactivated at Keflavik NAS and activated the same day at Misawa AB, Japan, replacing the 432d Fighter Wing and assuming its personnel and F-16C/D aircraft. The 35th Fighter Wing served as host unit for Misawa AB, supporting thirty-three US associate units and units of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) Northern Air Defense Force. In addition to providing air defense of northern Japan, the wing also deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Northern and Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism from 1997-2008.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Korea: CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966-10 Apr 1967. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 8 Apr-9 Oct 1966; 2 Apr-2 Sep 1967; 3 Sep 1967-2 May 1968; 1 Oct 1968-13 Apr 1969; 14 Apr 1969-13 Apr 1970; 1 Dec 1970-25 Jun 1971; 17 Aug 1990-22 Mar 1991. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 2 Feb 1976-31 Mar 1977; 1 Jun 1985-31 May 1987; 1 Mar 1990-29 Feb 1992; 1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1995; 1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1996; 1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999; 1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001; 1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003; 1 Jul 2004-31 May 2006; 1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2008; 1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010; 1 Mar 2011-28 Feb 2013. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Sep 1950-7 Feb 1951. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966-31 Jul 1971; 1 Sep 1968-9 Oct 1970; 24 Feb-30 Mar 1971.

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Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 35 Operations Group prior to 18 Aug 1948. Service Streamers. None. Campaign Streamers. World War II: East Indies; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Papua; New Guinea; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Ryukyus; China Offensive. Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Papua, 23 Jul 1942-23 Jul 1943. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through Jun 2014

Commanders through Sep 2012; Aircraft, and Operations through 31 Dec 2008.

Supersedes. Statement prepared on 18 Apr 2008.

Emblem. Approved for 35 Operations Group on 24 Mar 1941 and for 35 Fighter Wing on 16 Dec 1953.

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Lineage and Honors History of the 14 Flying Training Wing (AETC)



Lineage. Established as 14 Fighter Wing on 29 Jul 1947. Organized on 15 Aug 1947. Inactivated on 2 Oct 1949. Redesignated as 14 Air Commando Wing, and activated, on 28 Feb 1966. Organized on 8 Mar 1966. **Redesignated as 14 Special Operations Wing on 1 Aug 1968.**

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Inactivated on 30 Sep 1971. Redesignated as 14 Flying Training Wing on 22 Mar 1972.
Activated on 1 Jun 1972.

Assignments. First Air Force, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Pacific Air Forces, 28 Feb 1966; 2 Air Division, 8 Mar 1966; **Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1971.** Air Training (later, Air Education and Training) Command, 1 Jun 1972; Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993; Air Education and Training Command, 12 Jul 2012–.

Operational Components. *Group.* **14** Fighter (later, 14 Operations): 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949; 15 Dec 1991–. *Squadrons.* **1** Air Commando: 8 Mar 1966–20 Dec 1967. **3** Air Commando (later, 3 Special Operations): 1 May 1968–15 Sep 1969. **4** Air Commando (later, 4 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966–15 Dec 1969. **5** Air Commando (later, 5 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966–15 Oct 1969. **6** Air Commando: 29 Feb–15 Jul 1968. **9** Air Commando (later, 9 Special Operations): 25 Jan 1967–30 Sep 1971. **14** Air Commando: 25 Oct 1967–1 May 1968. **15** Air Commando (later, 15 Special Operations): 15 Mar 1968–31 Oct 1970. **17** Special Operations: 1 Jun 1969–30 Sep 1971. **18** Special Operations: 1 Oct 1969–25 Aug 1971. **20** Air Commando (later, 20 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966–1 Sep 1971. **37** Flying Training: 1 Jun 1972–15 Dec 1991. **42** Flying Training: 25 Jun 1990–15 Dec 1991. **43** Flying Training: 25 Jun 1990–15 Dec 1991. **49** Flying Training: 25 Jun 1990–15 Dec 1991. **50** Flying Training: 1 Jun 1972–15 Dec 1991. **71** Special Operations: 20 Dec 1968–10 Jun 1969. **90** Special Operations: 31 Oct 1970–1 Sep 1971. **602** Air Commando: 8 Mar 1966–8 Apr 1967. **604** Air Commando (later, 604 Special Operations): 15 Nov 1967– 1 Mar 1970 (detached). **3588** Flying Training: 1 Oct 1990–18 Oct 1991.

Stations. Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 15 Aug 1947–2 Oct 1949. Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 8 Mar 1966; **Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Oct 1969–30 Sep 1971.** Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972–.

Commanders. Col Loring F. Stetson Jr., 1947; Col George A. McHenry, c. 7 Jan 1948; Col Arvid E. Olson Jr., c. 30 Sep–2 Oct 1949. None (not manned), 28 Feb–7 Mar 1966; Col Robert J. Jones, 8 Mar 1966; Col Gordon F. Bradburn, 17 Apr 1966; Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 10 Apr 1967; Col John M. Patton, 21 Nov 1967; Col Conrad S. Allman, 3 Jun 1968; Col William K. Bush, 5 Mar 1969; Col Clyde S. Cherry, 2 Sep 1969; Col William H. Fairbrother, 3 Apr 1970; Col Alfred F. Eaton, 13 Sep 1970; Col Mark W. Magnan, 14 Mar 1971; Col Malcolm L. Nurnburg, 13–30 Sep 1971. Col William A. Boutwell, 1 Jun 1972; Col Robert B. Tanguy, 9 Jun 1972; Col James S. Creedon, c. 18 Jul 1973; Col Horace W. Miller, 8 Mar 1976; Col Winfield S. Harpe, 10 Jul 1978; Col Richard A. Pierson, 4 Jun 1980; Col Alexander Zakrzewski Jr., 4 Jun 1981; Col Chester W. Griffin Jr., 5 Nov 1982; Col James P. Ulm, 9 Aug 1984; Col Charles R. Edwards, 8 Jan 1987; Col James L. Higham, 6 Jan 1989; Col Nick P. Ardillo Jr., 12 Sep 1991; Col Robert H. Foglesong, 5 Apr 1993; Col Gary R. Trexler, 8 Dec 1993; Col Michael G. Lee, 18 Aug 1995; Col John J. Catton Jr., 21

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Jul 1997; Col Teresa M. Peterson, 10 Jul 1998; Col Thomas J. Quelly, 19 Jun 2000; Col Stephen D. Schmidt, 9 Aug 2002; Col Stephen W. Wilson, 24 Mar 2004; Col David K. Gerber, 9 Jun 2006; Col Roger H. Watkins, 25 Jun 2008; Col Barre R. Seguin, 28 Jul 2010; Col James R. Sears Jr., Jun 2012-.

Aircraft. P (later, F)-47, 1947–1949; P (later, F)-84, 1947–1949. A-1, 1966–1967, 1968; AC-47, 1966–1969; C-47, 1966–1971; HC-47, 1966–1969; U-10, 1966–1969; CH-3, 1966–1969; O-2, 1967–1971; UH-1, 1967–1971; C-130, 1968–1971; C-123, 1968–1971; AC-130, 1968; AC-119, 1968–1971. T-41, 1972–1973; T-37, 1972–2008; T-38, 1972-; AT-38, 1993-2000; T-1, 1996-; T-6, 2006-.

Operations. Provided air defense for the northeastern United States, 1947–1949. Performed combat operations in Southeast Asia, Mar 1966–Sep 1971, operating from numerous locations in South Vietnam and Thailand. Operations included close and direct air support, interdiction, combat airlift, aerial resupply, visual and photographic reconnaissance, unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency operations, psychological warfare (including leaflet dropping and aerial broadcasting), forward air control (FAC) operations and escort, search and rescue, escort for convoy and defoliation operations, flare drops, civic actions, and humanitarian actions. The wing also operated Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, Mar 1966–Oct 1969, and provided maintenance support for a number of tenants. Trained South Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) personnel in AC-119 operations and maintenance, Feb–Aug 1971, and transferred some of its AC-119s to the VNAF, Aug–Sep 1971 as part of a phase-down for inactivation. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3650 Pilot Training Wing in Jun 1972 at Columbus AFB, MS, and assumed an undergraduate pilot training program, plus base operations and maintenance. From 1993 to 2004, the wing also trained pilots in fighter fundamentals. On 27 Jan 1995, 2 Lt. Kelly Flinn graduated from pilot training with the 14 Flying Training Wing on her way to becoming the first woman to enter B-52 combat crew training. Transitioned to additional specialized undergraduate pilot training.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

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Decorations. Presidential Unit Citations: Southeast Asia, 8 Mar 1966–7 Mar 1967; Southeast Asia, 21 Jun 1968–30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 16 Jun 1967–20 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1970–30 Jun 1971. Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan–31 Dec 1974; 1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987; 1 Jul 1992–30 Jun 1994; 1 Jul 2000–30 Jun 2002; 1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004; 1 Jul 2004–30 Jun 2006; 1 Jul 2006–30 Jun 2007; 1 Jul 2007–30 Jun 2009; 1 Jul 2009–30 Jun 2010; 1 Jul 2010–30 Jun 2011. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1971; 1 Jan–30 Aug 1968.

Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 14 Fighter Group prior to 15 Aug 1947.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Air Offensive, Europe; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater. **Decoration.** Distinguished Unit Citation: Austria, 2 Apr 1944.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through Jan 2014.
Commanders through Jun 2012; **Aircraft, and Operations through** 30 Sep 2011.

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Emblem. Approved on 19 Jun 1967; updated 11 Dec 2007.

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Lineage. Established as 315 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 23 May 1952. Activated on 10 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 18 Jan 1955. Redesignated as 315 Air Commando Wing, Troop Carrier, and activated, on 21 Feb 1966. Organized on 8 Mar 1966. Redesignated as: 315 Air Commando Wing on 1 Aug 1967; 315 Special Operations Wing on 1 Aug 1968; 315 Tactical Airlift Wing on 1 Jan 1970. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1972. Redesignated as 315 Military Airlift Wing (Associate) on 29 Jan 1973. Activated in the Reserve on 1 Jul 1973. Redesignated as: 315 Airlift Wing (Associate) on 1 Feb 1992; 315 Airlift Wing on 1 Oct 1994.

Assignments. 315 Air Division (Combat Cargo), 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955. Pacific Air Forces, 21 Feb 1966; 315 Air Division (Combat Cargo), 8 Mar 1966 (attached to 2 Air Division, 8-31 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr-15 Oct 1966); 834 Air Division, 15 Oct 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Dec 1971-31 Mar 1972. Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1973; Fourteenth Air Force, 8 Oct 1976; Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1993-.

Components. *Groups.* 315 Troop Carrier (later, 315 Operations): 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955; 1 Aug 1992-.

Squadrons. 8 Special Operations: 31 Jul 1971-15 Jan 1972 (detached 5-15 Jan 1972). 9 Special Operations: 30 Sep 1971-29 Feb 1972 (detached 9 Jan-29 Feb 1972). 12 Air Commando (later, 12 Special Operations): 15 Oct 1966-30 Sep 1970. 19 Air Commando (later, 19 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966-10 Jun 1971. 300 Military Airlift (later, 300 Airlift): 1 Jul 1973-1 Aug 1992. 309 Air Commando (later, 309 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966-31 Jul 1970. 310 Air Commando (later, 310 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966-15 Jan 1972, attached 16-26 Jan 1972. 311 Air Commando (later, 311 Special Operations): 8 Mar 1966-5 Oct 1971. 317 Airlift: 1 Apr-1 Aug 1992. 701 Military Airlift (later, 701 Airlift): 1 Jul 1973-1 Aug 1992. 707 Military Airlift (later, 707 Airlift): 1 Jul 1973-1 Aug

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1992. *Flight*. Royal Australian Air Force Air Transport Flight, Vietnam: attached 8 Mar-15 Oct 1966. *Detachments*. Det. 5, HQ 315 Air Division (Combat Cargo): attached 8 Mar-15 Oct 1966. Det. 6, HQ 315 Air Division (Combat Cargo): attached 8 Mar-15 Oct 1966. Det. 1, HQ 315 Air Commando Wing, Troop Carrier: 1 Aug-15 Oct 1966. Stations. Brady AB, Japan, 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955. Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Mar 1966; Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Jun 1967-31 Mar 1972. Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1973-.

Commanders. Col Kenneth W. Northamer, 10 Jun 1952; Col Robert O. Good, 26 Jul 1953; Col Adriel N. Williams, 29 Aug 1953; Col David B. Lancaster, 27 Feb 1954; Col Francis W. Williams, 10 Aug 1954-18 Jan 1955. None (not manned), 21 Feb-7 Mar 1966; Col George L. Hannah Jr., 8 Mar 1966; Col Robert T. Simpson, 23 Jun 1966; Col Vernon W. Froehlich, 19 Nov 1966; Col Bill M. Richardson, 9 Aug 1967; Col Robert D. Brown, 20 Nov 1967; Col Noble F. Greenhill Jr., 8 Jun 1968; Col John W. Pauly, 19 Jul 1968; Col. Harry V. Bankard, 4 May 1969; Col John W. Pauly, 3 Jun 1969; Col Leslie J. Campbell Jr., 10 Jun 1969; Col Charles S. Reed, 27 May 1970; Col Kenneth T. Blood Jr., 31 Jan 1971; Col Ray C. Staley, 19 Nov 1971-31 Mar 1972. Col Richard P. McFarland, 1 Jul 1973; Col David Guminski, c. 31 Sep 1974; Lt Col David L. Webber, 1 Dec 1974; Lt Col Kenneth O. Mann, c. 25 Apr 1976; Col Marc M. McClelland, c. 20 Jun 1976; Col Carl W. Knazik, 15 May 1979; Col John G. Sullivan, 17 Jun 1979; Col Billy R. Henderson, 26 Apr 1981; Col Michael J. Peters, 23 Apr 1988; Col Robert B. Stephens, 14 Apr 1989; Col James P. Czekanski, 1 Jul 1991; Brig Gen James D. Bankers, 11 Mar 1992; Col Edward A. Stickler, 1 Mar 1997; Brig Gen Gerald A. Black, 18 Jun 2000; Col Gary L. Cook, 7 Sep 2003; Col Timothy J. Wrighton, 29 Sep 2006; Col Steven J. Chapman, 17 Apr 2009-.

Aircraft. C-46, 1952-1955. CV-2, 1966; UC-123, 1966-1971; C-123, 1966-1972; C-130, 1966; A-37, 1971-1972; C-47, 1971-1972; O-2, 1971-1972. C-5, 1973; C-141, 1973-2001; C-17, 1993-.

Operations. Flew troop and cargo airlift and airdrop, leaflet drop, spraying, air evacuation, search and rescue, and related missions between Japan and Korea during the Korean War. From 1966 to 1972, performed tactical airlift operations within South Vietnam. In 1971, trained South Vietnamese C-123 aircrews. Not tactically operational, 15 Jan-31 Mar 1972. Since 1973, stationed with and used airframes of the 437 Military Airlift Wing. Trained Air Force Reserve aircrews for strategic airlift, including channel, special assignment, and combat airlift missions. In 1980s and 1990s, personnel participated in contingency and humanitarian airlift operations worldwide. In 1994, the wing conducted the first C-17 flight with an all-Air Force Reserve crew. Prepared, equipped, and trained personnel to augment active duty counterparts, 2005-.

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the Denton Amendment, flew humanitarian missions to Haiti and Grenada to deliver medical and educational supplies, food and clothing, Dec 2010.

Service Streamers. Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. Grenada, 1983; Panama, 1989-1990.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam): 21 Jan-12 May 1968; 1 Apr-30 Jun 1970. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 15 Oct 1966-30 Apr 1967; 10 Jun-31 Dec 1967; 15 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969; 1 Jan 1971-31 Mar 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983; 1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989; 1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1990; 21 Sep-31 Oct 1989; 1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995; 1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997; 1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000; 1 Sep 1998-31 Aug 2000; 11 Sep 2001-10 Sep 2003; 1 Aug 2005-31 Jul 2007. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [10 Jun 1952]-27 Jul 1953. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Oct 1966-30 Oct 1971; 1 Jun 1969-1 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1971-11 Mar 1972.

Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 315 Troop Carrier Group prior to 10 Jun 1952. **Service Streamers.** World War II American Theater. **Campaign Streamers.** *World War II:* Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe. **Decorations.** Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6] Jun 1944.

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366 Fighter Wing (ACC)



Lineage. Established as 366 Fighter-Bomber Wing on 15 Nov 1952. Activated on 1 Jan 1953. Redesignated as 366 Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959. Activated on 30 Apr 1962. Organized on 8 May 1962. Redesignated as: 366 Wing on 1 Oct 1991; 366 Fighter Wing on 30 Sep 2002.

Assignments. Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to Nineteenth Air Force, 15 Feb 1956–24 Sep 1957); 834 Air Division, 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959. United States Air Forces in Europe, 30 Apr 1962; Seventeenth Air Force, 8 May 1962; Twelfth Air Force, 12 Jul 1963; 832 Air Division, 1 Oct 1964; 2 Air Division, 20 Mar 1966; **Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966**; Thirteenth Air Force, 27 Jun 1972; 832 Air Division, 31 Oct 1972; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1975–.

Operational Components. Groups. 366 Fighter-Bomber (later, 366 Operations): 1 Jan 1953–25 Sep 1957; 1 Mar 1992–. 401 Fighter-Bomber: attached 5 Feb 1954–25 Sep 1957. Squadrons. 4 Tactical Fighter: 12 Apr 1969–31 Oct 1972 (detached 29–31 Oct 1972). 20 Tactical Air Support: 15 Mar–27 Jun 1972. 35 Tactical Fighter: attached 3 Apr–12 Jun 1972. 352 Tactical Fighter: 15 Aug–10 Oct 1966. 362 Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Feb–27 Jun 1972. 388 Tactical Fighter Training (later, 388 Electronic Combat): 1 Jul 1977–30 Sep 1979; 1 Jul 1981–15 Dec 1982. 389 Fighter-Bomber (later, 389 Tactical Fighter; 389 Tactical Fighter Training): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959 (detached 25 Sep–22 Dec 1957); 8 May 1962–15 Jun 1969 (detached 15 Sep–16 Dec 1965); 31 Oct 1972–22 Jul 1991 (detached 16 Sep–5 Oct 1976). 390 Fighter-Bomber (later, 390 Tactical Fighter; 390 Electronic Combat): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–29 Oct 1965; 10 Oct 1966–30 Jun 1972; 31 Oct 1972–1 Oct 1982 (detached 19 Aug–16 Sep 1976); 15 Dec 1982–1 Mar 1992. 391 Fighter-Bomber (later, 391 Tactical Fighter): 25

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Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–26 Jan 1966; 31 Oct 1972–1 Jul 1990. 420 Air Refueling, Fighter-Bomber: attached 18 Mar 1954–22 Sep 1955. 421 Tactical Fighter: 16 Apr 1969–31 May 1972 (detached 23 Apr–25 Jun 1969). 480 Fighter-Bomber (later, 480 Tactical Fighter): 25 Sep 1957–1 Apr 1959; 8 May 1962–1 Feb 1966; 10 Oct 1966–15 Apr 1959. 614 Tactical Fighter: 18 Sep–10 Oct 1966. 615 Tactical Fighter: 16 Jul–10 Oct 1966. 622 Air Refueling: attached 18 Jul 1955–1 Jul 1958. Detachment. Det 1, 612 Tactical Fighter Squadron: attached 15 May–10 Oct 1966.

Stations. Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 1 Jan 1953–1 Apr 1959. Chaumont AB, France, 8 May 1962–15 Jul 1963; Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Jul 1963–11 Mar 1966; **Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 20 Mar 1966**; Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966; Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 27 Jun–31 Oct 1972; Mountain Home AFB, ID, 31 Oct 1972–.

Commanders. Col Reginald F. C. Vance, 1 Jan 1953; Col William A. Daniel, 14 Jul 1953; Col Victor E. Warford, 29 Aug 1957; Col Clyde B. Slocumb Jr., 25 Sep 1957; Lt Col David N. Harmon, 1 Jun 1958; Col Robert J. Rogers, 17 Jul 1958; Lt Col Frank L. McGuinness, 6 Mar 1959; Col Robert J. Rogers, 23 Mar–1 Apr 1959. None (not manned), 30 Apr–7 May 1962; Col James S. Coward, 8 May 1962; Col George S. Weart, 12 Mar 1964; Col Frank J. Collins, 16 Mar 1964; Col George S. Weart, 7 Jul 1965; Col Carlos M. Talbott, 15 Jul 1965; Col George S. Weart, May 1966; Col Allan P. Rankin, 10 Oct 1966; Col Jones E. Bolt, 20 Mar 1967; Col Robert W. Maloy, 27 May 1967; Col Clifford H. Meier, 19 Dec 1967; Col Paul C. Watson, 17 Jan 1968; Brig Gen John W. Roberts, 2 Jan 1969; Col Joseph C. Secino, 1 Oct 1969; Col Daniel C. Perry, 19 Sep 1970; Col John R. Spalding Jr., 18 Feb 1971; Col Julian D. Sawyer, 7 Jul 1971; Col George W. Rutter, 22 Mar 1972; Col Lynwood E. Clark, 31 Oct 1972; Brig Gen Howard W. Leaf, 15 May 1973; Col Robert K. Parsons, 12 Jul 1974; Col Samuel Huser, 2 Jun 1976; Col John L. Pickitt, 8 Jan 1977; Col Von R. Christiansen, 17 Jul 1978; Col Jerry D. Holmes, 11 Aug 1980; Col Earnest L. Coleman, 2 Jul 1981; Col Loren D. Eastburn, 26 Oct 1982; Col Malcolm B. Armstrong, 10 Apr 1984; Col Dennis C. Sammer, 16 Dec 1985; Col Richard G. Hellier, 14 Aug 1987; Col Victor C. Andrews, 24 Mar 1989; Brig Gen William S. Hinton Jr., 25 Jul 1991; Brig Gen David J. McCloud, 23 Jun 1993; Brig Gen Lansford E. Trapp Jr., 17 Aug 1994; Brig Gen William A. Peck Jr., 7 Aug 1995; Brig Gen Randall M. Schmidt, 18 Aug 1997; Brig Gen Robin E. Scott, 9 Mar 1999; Brig

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Gen Irving L. Halter Jr., 15 Mar 2001; Col Blair E. Hansen, 6 Jan 2003; Col Charles K. Shugg, 18 Jun 2004; Col Anthony J. Rock, 31 May 2006; Col James S. Browne, 7 Sep 2007; Col John D. Bird II, 11 Feb 2009; Col Ronald D. Buckley, 24 May 2010–.

Aircraft. F–51, 1953; F–86, 1953–1955, 1956; F–84, 1954–1958; KB–29, 1954–1957; KB–50, 1957–1958; F–100, 1957–1959. F–84, 1962–1965; F–100, 1963, 1966; F–4, 1965–1972; EC–47, 1972; O–2, 1972; OV–10, 1972; F–111, 1972–1991; EF–111, 1981–1993; F–15, 1991–; F–16, 1991–2007; KC–135, 1992–2002; B–52, 1992–1994; B-1, 1994–2002; EA–6, 2004–.

Operations. Replaced the 132 Fighter-Bomber Wing in Jan 1953. Trained to maintain combat proficiency. Conducted air refueling, Sep 1954– Jul 1958. Rotated tactical squadrons to France, 1954–1956, and to Italy, 1955–1957. Served as conventional strike force in Europe, 1962–1963. Moved to the United States in Jul 1963 and converted to F–4 aircraft in 1965. Moved to Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, in Mar 1966 for combat operations. In addition to its F–4 squadrons, also controlled several F–100 squadrons in 1966. In Oct 1966, wing designation moved “on paper” to Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, giving the 366th new personnel, equipment, and facilities. By early 1967, many of the wing’s combat missions involved flying cover for F–105 strike aircraft, offering numerous opportunities for aerial combat with North Vietnamese MiG aircraft. Wing pilots scored 18 aerial victories in Southeast Asia. In 1972, gained a squadron with an electronic countermeasures mission and another with a forward air control mission. Moved to Thailand in Jun 1972 with little change in combat missions but flew only F–4s. Moved without personnel or equipment to the United States in Oct 1972 to replace the 347 Tactical Fighter Wing at Mountain Home AFB. The 366th become operational with F–111F aircraft. In 1977, in a three-way switch of aircraft, it transferred F–111Fs to a wing in England and gained F–111A aircraft from a wing at Nellis AFB, NV. Thereafter, in addition to a wartime strike/interdiction mission, the wing also trained replacement aircrews for the USAF’s F–111A community. Acquired electronic countermeasures capabilities with addition of EF–111A radar jamming aircraft in late 1981. Operated an electronic combat range and provided mobile electronic range support for exercises held by other units. In Dec 1989, deployed EF–111A aircraft to support USAF units involved in the invasion of Panama. The 366th also deployed EF–111A aircraft and maintenance

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support personnel to Saudi Arabia in Aug–Sep 1990, and it conducted extensive electronic warfare operations in Southwest Asia. In the summer of 1991, the wing relinquished its F–111A aircraft and the replacement crew training role; its complement of EF–111A aircraft departed the following year. In the meantime, the 366th transitioned to the composite wing concept, beginning with the introduction of F–16C/D fighter and F–15E strike fighter aircraft in the fall of 1991, adding F–15C fighters and KC–135R tankers in mid-1992. A squadron of B–52G bombers was also assigned in Jul 1992, and these in turn were later replaced by B-1B bombers in 1994. Regularly deployed expeditionary forces to contingencies in Southwest Asia such as Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DESERT STRIKE. Deployed three squadrons and a base support element to the CENTCOM theater to participate in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM after the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks, as well as providing combat air patrol and air refueling assets in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE. Wing’s mission narrowed to a fighter role in 2002.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam: Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 23 Apr–1 Aug 1967; 1 Apr–26 Jun 1972. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 10 Oct 1966–31 Mar 1967; 1 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1968–31 Jul 1969; 1 Aug 1969–1 Aug 1970; 2 Aug 1970–31 Mar 1972. Meritorious Unit Award: 1 Jan 2007–31 May 2008. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 17 Apr 1974–15 Apr 1976; 18 Aug–16 Sep 1976; 16 Apr 1976–27 Mar 1978; 1 Apr 1984–31 May 1985; 1 Mar 1989–28 Feb 1991; 1 Mar 1992–28 Feb 1994; 1 Jun 1996–31 May 1998; 1 Jun 2001–31 May 2002; 1 Jun

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2003-31 May 2005; 1 Jun 2005-31 May 2006. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: 1 Apr 1966–31 Oct 1972.

Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 366 Fighter Group prior to 1 Jan 1953. Service Streamers. None. Campaign Streamers. World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Normandy, 11 Jul 1944. Citations in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun–30 Sep 1944; 1 Oct–17 Dec 1944; 18 Dec 1944–15 Jan 1945. Belgian Fourragere.

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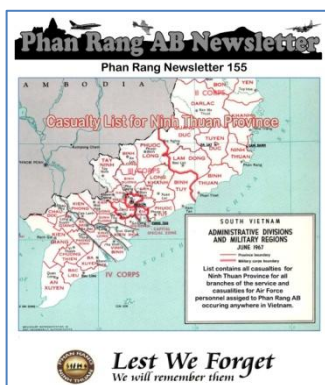
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SOME PHAN RANG FACTS FROM THE CAUSALITY LIST FROM NINH THUAN PROVINCE



(In Phan Rang Newsletter 267 “Statistics Concerning the Vietnam Memorial Wall” was published, but it did not contain anything specific to Phan Rang AB, but after recently fielding a request about the losses of F-100 pilots during a certain period of time, I thought it would be interesting to look at *Phan Rang News 155* “Casualty List for Ninh Thuan Province” to gather other facts from the list, so here it goes.)

FACTS:

- **There are 335 names** on the list which includes casualties of Phan Rang AB personnel, transiting aircraft that crashed at Phan Rang AB or in Ninh Thuan Province and

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passengers that were casualties on base assigned aircraft, regardless of where they crashed.

- **F-100 Super Sabre Pilots - 26 casualties.** Geroge Robert Andrews, William Carl Buerk, William David Canup, Mark Constant Chenis, Arthur William Cofer, Richard John Cowell, Barry Ronal Delphin, Amos Oliver Fox, Donald Francis Ginart, William Ray Gower, Clive Garth Jeffs, Michael Sim Lane, Benjamin Gaines Lang, Milo George Maahs, Michael Donald Mc Govern, Eugene Phillip Mc Kinney, Charles Edward McLeish, Peter Gibney Moriarty, Glenn Raymond Morrison Jr., Bobby Gene Neeld, John Mautz Neill, Clyde Seller, John Peter Skoro Jr., Joseph Stanley Smith, Roger Edward Wichman and Robert Charles Wiechert.
- **C-123 Provider Pilots - 26 casualties.** Marvin S. Arthington, Robert Lee Baker, Richard Allen Brown, Charles Franklin Burrell, Elmon C. Caudill II, Charles Milton Deas, Douglas McArthur Evans, Edward Louis Goucher, Frederick Jordan Hampton, Neil William Hayden, Ellis Eugene Helgeson, Robert Milvoy Horsky, Jon Marc King, Charles Louis Kollenberg, Dwaine Elbyrne Mattox, George Parker Mc Knight, Cecil Gerald Moyer Jr., Richard William O’Keefe, Norbert Altert Podhajsky, Freerick Merchant Rader III, James Francis Saxby, Roger Henry Strout, Daniel Harrison Tate, Merle Deane Turner, William Ferdinand Unckrich and Grant Reed Waugh.
- **B-57 Martin Canberra Pilots - 16 casualties.** Theodore Springston Jr., Donald Elmer Paxton, James Edward Oxley, Peter Whitcomb Morrison, Donald Lyle Mc Hugo, Charles Macko, Everett Oscar Kerr, Joseph Thomas Kearns Jr., Martin Weigner Andersen, Charles Williams Burkart Jr., Elwin Harry Busch, George Grady Cooper, Thomas Wayne Dugan, Norman Dale Eaton, Paul Everett Getchell and Richard Whan Hooper.
- **F4 C/D Phantom II Pilots - 5 casualties.** Kenneth Roy Crist, Lee Attilio Greco, Harold Eugene Knudsen Jr., John Arnold Quinn and John Michael Trover.
- **0-2 Cessna Skymaster Pilots - 1.** John Lee Espenshied.
- **0-1 Cessna Bird Dog Pilots - 2.** Arthur Gene Ecklund and Perry Henry Jefferson.
- **AC-119 Pilots -4.** Jerome James Rice, Moses Lopes Aves, Bernard Richard Knapic and John Hooper Hathaway.
- **AC-47D Pilots (Co Pilots) - 5.** Robert William Abbott, Robert Loyd Abernathy, Francis Richard Buckley, Edward Beeding Quill Jr., and Joseph Anthony Cestarcic.
- **HH-43E Huskie - 3.** Donald Ray Brooks, Van Miles Liebernecht and Milard Luther Bledsoe.

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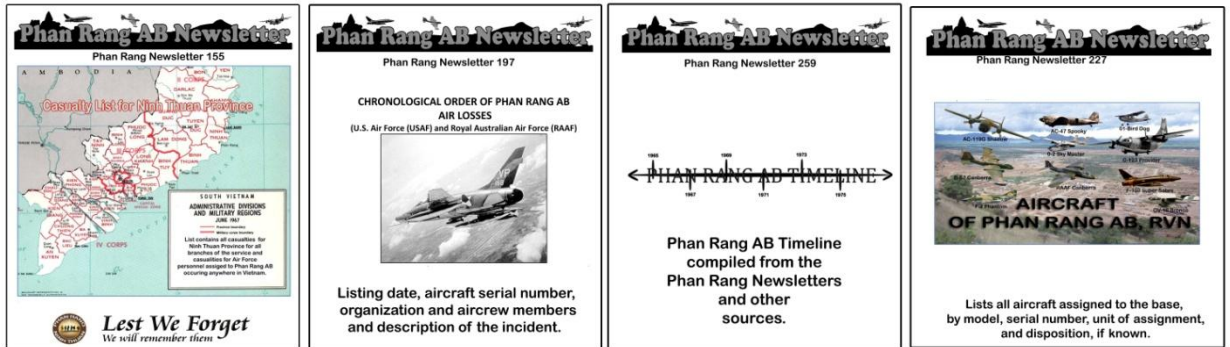
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- **Vietnamese Killed (All Passengers) - 73.** Names not listed.
- **US Marines - 47 (All Passengers).** Kenneth Allen Stanciu, Stanley Grant Strong, James Ottis Taylor, Louis Gaines Taylor, Daryl Bert Terhune Jr., Robert Lee Vickers, Howard Bert Waldrow, Stephen Alan West, David Raymond Wienckoski, Hollis Williams Jr., David George Andersen, George Eugene Beale, Willis Beauford Jr., Charles Goodhue Boyer, Joseph Paul Brignac, Donald Royce Bumstead, John Howard Clark Jr., George Elliott III, Jack Ronald Gibbs, Michael Douglas Gray, James Andrew Grzegorek, Ray Blucher Hall, Paul Everett Hicks, Ralph Edward Higgs, Howard Eslie Hollar, Robert John Horvath, Andrew Jackson, Larry Scott Kennedy, Harry Kenneth Latshaw, Thomas MacMillan Joseph Anthony Marturano Jr., Winford McCosar, Dennis Michael Mead, Dennis Joseph Medeiros, James Edward Miles, Roger Carl Minch, James Ezra Moore, Thomas John Moss Jr., Richard James O Hare, Vic Manuez Pizarro, Ronnie Calvin Presley, Sanuel Percell Robinson, Domingo Rodriguez Jr., John Malcolm Russell Jr., Ronald Royce Ryan, Michael Sears, and James Herbert Smith Jr.
- **US Army (All Passengers- 14.** William Kennedy III, Arthur John Menn, Robert Joseph Polniak, Donald Anthony Slate, Johnny Arthur, George Beedy, Joseph Carlton Blackwell, Alan Ransom Boone, Franklin D. Defenbaugh, Raymond Henry Gray, Samuel A. Granyson III, Ronald Raphael Greenhouse, Joseph Arthur Jacques and Charles A. Johnson.
- **US Air Force (All Passengers) - 7.** Noel Luis Rios, William Frank Anselmo, James Allen Bodin, Jesse John Bradshaw, Ralph Stephen Guck, Billy Jack Hogan, Jr. and Harry Allen Watson.
- The total casualties for pilots, co-pilots and passengers are 156, which does not include the Vietnamese passengers because their names are unknown. Not counted are the remaining 179 casualties, which comprise ground and vehicle accidents, homicides, and aircraft crashes for non Phan Rang AB assigned aircraft, but they are listed because they perished either at the base or in the province and other air crew members other than pilot or co-pilots.

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Note: For reference purposes, Phan Rang Newsletter 227, “Aircraft of Phan Rang AB, RVN” lists all aircraft assigned to the base, by model, serial number, unit of assignment, and disposition, if known. Phan Rang Newsletter 155 “Casualty List of Ninh Thuan Province” giving the full name, rank, branch of service, Vietnam Wall location, date of death and birth and specific detail about their death. Phan Rang Newsletter 197 “Chronological Order of Phan Rang AB Air Losses”, including Royal Australian Air Force losses, listing date, aircraft serial number, organization and aircrew members and description of the incident. Phan Rang Newsletter 259 “Phan Rang AB Timeline” gives dates and events of important events at Phan Rang Air Base.



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