

## 180 FIGHTER WING



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

180 Tactical Fighter Group constituted, 15 Oct 1962  
Activated and Federally Recognized, 15 Oct 1962  
Redesignated 180 Fighter Group, 15 Mar 1992  
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### STATIONS

Toledo ANGB, Swanton, OH

### ASSIGNMENTS

122 Tactical Fighter Wing  
Ohio Air National Guard

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

#### Mission Aircraft

F-84, 1962  
F-100, 1970  
A-7  
F-16

#### Support Aircraft

### COMMANDERS

LTC Milan R. Forkapa Jr. 1962  
LTC Glenn D. McCord, 1965  
Col Robert G. Etter, 1966

LTC Charles H. Bell Jr, 1971  
LTC Gordon Campbell, 1975  
Col Boris G. Evanoff, 1983  
LTC John Smith, 1987  
Col Steven S. Nordhaus, Jan 2011

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

## EMBLEM



Azure, an equalateral triangle throughout light blue fimbriated or between two mullets in chief and three mullets, two and one in base all argent, on the triangle two lightning flashes saltirewise or surmounted by a globe of the second grid lined and rimmed argent and bearing four ascending flight symbols bendwise one, two and one of the last each emitting a propulsion gules, the entire within a diminished bordure or.

## MOTTO

Nos Gives Ultro Milites

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

The 180th Fighter Wing continually trains and stands ready to employ conventional air-to-surface and air-to-air weapons as directed by the order of battle. During FY00, the unit's F-16 flew 2,686 sorties for a total of 3,952 accident-free hours. During this reporting period, the unit participated in two major deployments in support of Operation Northern Watch. From Sept, 6 to Oct. 8, 1999, and again April 19 to May 20, 2000, the 180th Fighter Wing deployed more than 200 members and several aircraft to Incirlik Air Base (AB), Turkey, where the unit flew

missions to enforce the no-fly zone over northern Iraq. Unit members also supported Aerospace Expeditionary Force contingencies and other deployments at Incirlik AB, Turkey; Ramstein AB, Germany; Aviano AB, Italy; Istres, France; Moran AB, Spain; AH Al Salem, Kuwait; and Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. From Jan. 23 to Feb. 5, 2000, 145 unit personnel, and 10 F-16 deployed to Davis Monthan Air Force Base (AFB), Ariz., for Snowbird 2000, where the unit was able to leave the inclement weather of Ohio and train during the winter months. The unit also was able to practice with live ordinance at the Goldwater Range complex. More than 200 unit members deployed May 23-29, 2000, to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center in Michigan for Alpena Gunnery 2000. More than 40 members of the unit's civil engineering squadron and services flight deployed June 3-17, 2000, to augment base operations at Camp Navajo in Flagstaff, Ariz.

F-16s from the Ohio Air National Guard's 180 Fighter Wing in Toledo are temporarily operating from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, while workers repair the runway at their home station. The F-16s arrived at Wright-Patt in mid-month and will remain there for several weeks, using the base's runways and airspace to maintain mission readiness, said Wright-Patt officials. Lt. Col. Deron Reynolds, 180th FW alert commander, said the F-16 pilots would be ready to defend US airspace, if called upon, while operating from Wright-Patt. The F-16s are expected to remain at Wright-Patt until Sept. 8. Wright-Patt is some 140 miles south of the Toledo Express Airport, home of the 180th FW. 2013

F-16 pilots, maintainers, and support personnel of the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing are deploying on a Pacific theater security package to Andersen AFB, Guam, this month, officials announced. The Toledo-based unit is relieving airmen of the Oklahoma ANG's 138th FW from Tulsa, which are currently deployed on a TSP to Kadena AB, Japan. The Oklahoma unit is redeploying 12 F-16Cs from Kadena to Andersen, where they will be flown by Ohio's 112th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. The approximately 200 Ohio personnel will take part in Exercise Cope North alongside US and allied air arms next month, in addition to conducting routine operations. The Air Force has regularly deployed TSPs to the Asia-Pacific Theater to augment permanently based assets since 2004, and began deploying TSPs to Europe in response to increased tensions with Russia in 2015. 2016

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