

## 67 FIGHTER SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

67 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 20 Aug 1943  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 24 May 1944  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 6 May 1946  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, 17 Jul 1946  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 14 Mar 1947  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 10 Nov 1949  
Redesignated 67 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 20 Jan 1950  
Redesignated 67 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958  
Redesignated 67 Fighter Squadron, 1 Oct 1991

#### STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941  
Baton Rouge, LA, 6 Oct 1941  
Fort Dix, NJ, 19–20 Jan 1942  
Camp Darley, Australia, 27 Feb 1942  
Noumea, New Caledonia, 15 Mar 1942  
Tontouta Afd, New Caledonia, 17 Mar 1942 (air echelon operated from Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, 22 Aug–22 Dec 1942 and 29 Jan–9 Apr 1943) Oua Tom, New Caledonia, 24

Apr 1943 (air echelon operated from Port Morseby, New Guinea, 30 May–28 Jun 1943)  
 Milne Bay, New Guinea, 17 Jun 1943  
 Woodlark Island, New Guinea, 23 Jul 1943 (air echelon operated from Munda, New Georgia, 28 Oct–16 Dec 1943)  
 Russell Islands, 23 Jan 1944 (air echelon operated from Torokina, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 2 Mar–3 Apr 1944; detachment of air echelon operated from Stirling Island, 8–25 May 1944; air echelon operated from Stirling Island, 18 Jul–16 Aug 1944)  
 Middelburg Island, Dutch New Guinea, 15 Aug 1944  
 San Jose, Mindoro, 22 Feb 1945 (air echelon operated from Morotai, Molucca Islands, 12 Feb–21 Mar 1945)  
 Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 6 Mar 1945 (air echelon operated from Laoag, Luzon, 9–28 Aug 1945)  
 Zamboanga, Mindanao, c. Oct 1945  
 Laoag, Luzon, Oct 1945  
 Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 8 Feb 1946  
 Florida Blanca, Luzon, 17 Jul 1946  
 Clark Field (later, AFB), Luzon, 16 Sep 1947 (deployed at Kadena, Okinawa, 1–7 Mar 1949) Johnson AB, Japan, 24 Jul 1950  
 Ashiya, Japan, 30 Jul 1950  
 Pusan East, South Korea, 8 Sep 1950  
 Pyongyang East, North Korea, 21 Nov 1950  
 Suwon, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950–9 Dec 1950  
 Chinhae, South Korea, c. 16 Dec 1950 (operated from Pusan West, South Korea, 27 Mar–c. 23 Apr 1951; Suwon Aux AB, South Korea, 7 Apr–8 May 1951; Seoul, South Korea, 8 May–9 Aug 1951 and 19 Aug–30 Sep 1951; and Hoengsong, South Korea, 1 Oct 1951–1 Jun 1952)  
 Hoengsong, South Korea, 2 Jun 1952 (operated from Taegu AB, South Korea, 17–21 Sep 1952)  
 Osan-ni, South Korea, 10 Jan 1953  
 Kadena AB, Okinawa, 30 Oct 1954  
 Misawa AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1967  
 Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 15 Mar 1971

## **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Yontan Auxiliary AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov–11 Dec 1954  
 Chia Yi, Formosa, 27 Jan–17 Feb 1955 and 1 Jul–1 Oct 1955  
 Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965  
 Taegu AB, South Korea, 7 Oct–8 Dec 1968, 3 Mar–3 Apr 1969, 2 Jun–2 Jul 1969, 30 Aug–1 Oct 1969, 1–18 Jan 1970, 16 Feb–2 Mar 1970, and 29 Mar–8 Apr 1970  
 Kunsan AB, South Korea, 8–12 Apr 1970, 10–24 May 1970, 21 Jun–4 Jul 1970, 18 Jul–25 Aug 1970, 15–29 Nov 1970, 10–22 Jan 1971, and 5–15 Feb 1971  
 Kunsan AB, South Korea, 2 Jun–28 Jul 1972 and 8 Sep–16 Oct 1972  
 Ching Chaun Kang AB, Taiwan, 8 Nov 1972–14 Jul 1973, 5–26 Aug 1973, 16 Sep–7 Oct 1973, 28 Oct–18 Nov 1973, 9–30 Dec 1973, 20 Jan–10 Feb 1974, 2–23 Mar 1974, 13 Apr–4 May 1974, 25 May–15 Jun 1974, 2–27 Jul 1974, 16 Oct–1 Dec 1974, 9 Jan–20 Feb 1975, and 20 Apr–30 May 1975

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

58<sup>th</sup> Pursuit (later, 58<sup>th</sup> Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941  
347<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 3 Oct 1942  
18<sup>th</sup> Fighter (later, 18<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber) Group, 1 Nov 1945  
18<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber (later, 18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1957  
39<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 15 Dec 1967  
475<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jan 1968  
18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971  
18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978  
18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 Feb 1981  
18<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Southwest Pacific Area, c. 26 Feb 1942  
South Pacific Area, c. 15 Mar 1942  
Americal Division, c. 28 Apr–2 Oct 1942  
Air Task Group 5, Provisional, 27 Jan–17 Feb 1955  
Air Task Force 13, Provisional, 1 Jul–1 Oct 1955  
18<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Feb–30 Sep 1957  
2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965  
Fifth Air Force ADVON, 7 Oct–8 Dec 1968, 3 Mar–3 Apr 1969, 2 Jun–2 Jul 1969, 30 Aug–1 Oct 1969, 1–18 Jan 1970, 16 Feb–2 Mar 1970, and 29 Mar–8 Apr 1970  
Detachment 1, HQ 475<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 8–12 Apr 1970, 10–24 May 1970, 21 Jun–4 Jul 1970, 18 Jul–25 Aug 1970, 15–29 Nov 1970, 10–22 Jan 1971, and 5–15 Feb 1971  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 Jun–28 Jul 1972 and 8 Sep–16 Oct 1972  
327<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 8 Nov 1972–14 Jul 1973, 5–26 Aug 1973, 16 Sep– 7 Oct 1973, 28 Oct–18 Nov 1973, 9–30 Dec 1973, 20 Jan–10 Feb 1974, 2–23 Mar 1974, 13 Apr–4 May 1974, 25 May–15 Jun 1974, 2–27 Jul 1974, 16 Oct–1 Dec 1974, 9 Jan–20 Feb 1975, and 20 Apr–3 May 1975)

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P–35, 1941  
P–36, 1941  
P–400, 1942  
P–39, 1942–1944  
P-39D  
P-39K  
P-39L  
P-39N  
P-39Q  
P–38, 1944–1946  
P-38H  
P(later, F)–51, 1946, 1948–1949, 1950–1953

P-51D  
F-51D  
P(later, F)–80, 1946–1947, 1949–1950  
P-80A  
F-80C  
P(later, F)–47, 1946, 1947–1948  
P-47N  
F–86, 1953–1957  
F–100, 1957–1962  
F-100F  
F–105, 1962–1967  
F–4, 1968–1979  
F–15, 1979

### **COMMANDERS**

1lt Arthur R. Kingham, 16 Jan 1941  
1lt Harris D. Riley, 9 Feb 1941  
Capt John C. Kilborn, 29 Apr 1941  
1lt Dale D. Brannon, 1 May 1941  
1lt John A. Thompson, 14 Aug 1941  
Capt Dale D. Brannon, 17 Dec 1941  
Capt (Unkn) Bruce, 5 Mar 1942-Unkn  
Maj Dale D. Brannon, Aug 1942  
Maj George M. Mcneese, Sep 1942  
Capt John A. Thompson, 3 Oct 1942-Unkn  
1lt Robert A. Kaiser, 1943  
Capt James T. Jarman, Mar 1943  
Maj Morris Hecht, May 1943  
Maj Louis R. Kittel, Jul 1943  
Maj Morris Hecht, Aug 1943  
Capt Orval B. Collins, 19 Aug 1943  
Lt Col Jack A. Wilson, 24 Aug 1943  
Capt Orval B. Collins, 25 Oct 1943  
Capt Charles E. Allard, Nov 1943  
Capt Orval B. Collins, Dec 1943  
Maj Shelby England, 12 Feb 1944  
Capt Edward L. Young, 6 Sep 1944  
Maj Donald H. Lee Jr., 15 Sep 1944  
Maj John H. Hernden, 26 May 1945  
Capt Wyborne E. Traut, 28 Sep 1945  
Maj Ralph L. Kilts, 5 Oct 1945  
Capt Clarence R. Deyoung, Oct 1945  
Capt Robert D. Wallace, 1 Nov 1945  
Capt Howard A. Linn, 25 Nov 1945

Capt Robert D. Wallace, 11 Dec 1945  
1lt George M. Herda, 14 Feb 1946 (Acting; Unit Not Operational)  
Capt Charles E. Simpson, 15 Apr 1946  
Maj Henry H. Trollope, 25 Apr 1946  
Maj William S. Harrell, C. 10 Sep 1946  
None (Not Manned), 25 Mar-2 Oct 1947  
Maj Harold G. Shook, 3 Oct 1947  
Maj Atlee G. Manthos, 21 Jun 1948  
Maj Louis J. Seville, 6 Nov 1948  
Maj Arnold J. Mullins, 6 Aug 1950  
Lt Col William E. May, 14 Nov 1950  
Lt Col Henry W. Lawrence, 31 Mar 1951  
Maj Carl C. Colson, 5 Jun 1951  
Lt Col Julian F. Crow, 20 Nov 1951  
Lt Col Stanley F. Long, 15 Apr 1952  
Capt Jack Hawley, Aug 1952  
Maj Max J. King, Sep 1952  
Maj James P. Hagerstrom, 3 Feb 1953  
Lt Col Carroll L. Stanton, Jun 1953  
Lt Col Max J. King, 7 Jul 1953  
Maj Richard F. Kenney, 23 Dec 1953  
Maj William S. Miller, 23 Jun 1954  
Lt Col Richard N. Scott, 1 Mar 1955  
Maj Howard B. Townsley, 15 May 1955  
Lt Col Peter F. English, 20 Nov 1955  
Maj Dean F. Schwendeman, 19 Jun 1956  
Lt Col Jesse C. Davis, 2 Jan 1957  
Lt Col Blanton S. Keller, 27 Jan 1958  
Maj William N. Edwards, 1 Jun 1959  
Lt Col Frank M. Haynie, 1 Feb 1960  
Lt Col Grady Morris, 21 Jun 1962  
Lt Col Robinson Risner, Sep 1964  
Maj James W. Mathews, 16 Sep 1965  
Lt Col Gerald F. Fitzgerald, 22 Oct 1965  
Maj James W. Mathews, C. 1 May 1966  
Maj John C. Wright, 23 Jun-30 Nov 1967  
None (Not Manned), 1-14 Dec 1967  
Maj Thomas L. Wallace, 15 Dec 1967  
Capt Johnny L. Chapman, 1 Jan 1968  
Lt Col Baird M. Martin, 25 Jan 1968  
Lt Col Harold E. Guthrie, 21 Feb 1968  
Maj Arnold F. Weber, 26 Feb 1971  
Lt Col David L. Oakes, 15 Mar 1971  
Lt Col Donald J. Parkhurst, 19 Jul 1971

Lt Col Roger A. Knopf, 23 Sep 1972  
Lt Col John M. Lowery, 29 Jan 1973  
Maj Richardson H. Crook, 19 Jun 1973  
Lt Col Ray F. McNally, 23 Jun 1973  
Lt Col Richardson H. Crook, 10 Jun 1975  
Lt Col Peter M. Graff, 24 Dec 1975  
Lt Col William W. Taylor, 4 Feb 1978  
Lt Col John O'kane Jr., 28 Mar 1979  
Lt Col Robert S. Ridgeway, 20 Oct 1980  
Lt Col Jere T. Wallace, 16 Jul 1982  
Lt Col Gregory S. Martin, 6 Jan 1984  
Lt Col Warren A. Bennett Jr., 20 Jun 1986  
Lt Col David L. Hays, 22 Nov 1987  
Lt Col Charles O. Sylling, 19 Jun 1989  
Lt Col Dennis E. Geesaman, 28 Jun 1991  
Lt Col William L. Bledsoe, 28 May 1993  
Lt Col Thomas J. Quelly, 23 Nov 1994  
Lt Col Paul J. Sparkman, 22 Mar 1996  
Lt Col Robert E. Graeter, 9 May 1997  
Lt Col Christian L. Shippey, 10 Mar 1999  
Lt Col Jeffrey B. Kendall, 5 May 2000  
Lt Col James S. Browne, 11 May 2001  
Lt Col Matthew H. Molloy, 21 May 2002  
Lt Col Jeffrey H. Gustafson, 19 Jun 2004  
Lt Col Barry Cornish, Feb 2005

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Guadalcanal

Northern Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

New Guinea

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Western Pacific

China Defensive

China Offensive

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Korea  
UN Defensive  
UN Offensive  
CCF Intervention  
First UN Counteroffensive  
CCF Spring Offensive  
UN Summer-Fall Offensive  
Second Korean Winter  
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952  
Third Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam  
Vietnam Advisory  
Vietnam Defensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)  
Guadalcanal, Aug–Dec 1942

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Netherlands East Indies, 7, 20 and 22 Nov 1944  
Korea, 3 Nov 1950–24 Jan 1951  
Korea, 22 Apr–8 Jul 1951

Presidential Unit Citation  
Southeast Asia, 14 Apr–21 Oct 1965

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device  
1 Aug 1964–5 Jun 1965  
6 Jun 1965–31 Dec 1966

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Dec 1959–30 Nov 1960  
1 Sep 1962–31 Aug 1963  
1 Jan 1974–31 Dec 1975  
1 Sep 1978–30 Sep 1979  
1 Oct 1979–31 May 1980  
1 Jun 1981–31 May 1983  
1 Jun 1983–31 May 1984  
1 Jun 1984–31 May 1986

1 Jun 1987–31 May 1989  
1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991  
1 Jun 1991–31 May 1993  
1 Jun 1993–31 Aug 1994  
1 Sep 1995–31 Aug 1997  
1 Oct 1998–30 Sep 2000  
1 Oct 2000–30 Sep 2002  
1 Oct 2002–30 Sep 2004

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation  
[2 Aug] 1950–31 Jan [1951]  
1 Feb 1951–31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973

#### EMBLEM







A caricatured, White, fighting gamecock with Red comb and wattles, Yellow beak and feet, and tail having three feathers, Orange, Yellow, and Blue respectively, wearing a Blue Green, Light Blue Green, and Black, striped turtleneck sweater and Brown boxing gloves, facing toward sinister, while standing in front of a horizontal bar triparted Red, White, and Blue. COPYRIGHTED—Walt Disney. (Approved, 8 Mar 1945)





## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Replacement training, 1941. Air defense of New Caledonia, Mar–Oct 1942. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 24 Aug 1942–Jul 1944; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 15 Aug 1944–8 Aug 1945.

Combat in Korea, 2 Aug 1950–27 Jul 1953.

The Red Scarf Squadron's welcome to Korea during the hectic "July Days" of last year sound like overdrawn fiction from a best seller. Enemy artillery, crowded tents, eighteen-hour work day, men loading and servicing aircraft (regardless of MOS), and all the colorful staging that modern warfare is supposed to produce.... and does.

Originally commanded by Major Lou Seville, the first Air Force man to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Korean conflict, the Red Scarf Squadron has continued its high operational efficiency under the leadership of Major "Moon" Mullins, Lt. Col Bill May, Lt. Col. "Tank" Lawrence, and Major "Shorty" Colson.

These men have been typical of the aggressive commander's characteristic of the 18th. We have a more than few feats that we point to with obvious pride.... first to operate from North Korea, first Squadron to win the Lou Seville Bombing Award two months in succession, and many others.

Despite the mud, dust, snow, rain, and ice we had our share of chuckles. Remember How Lt Lavin practically had a complex, because his ample bulk seem to encourage guerilla sharpshooters; Captain "Big Dog" Smith with his in-low-gear laugh; Col. Lawrence with his campaign-hat-plus-cigaret-holder program for becoming a four-star general overnight.

It isn't listed as TO/E equipment, but a good stock level of humor and laughs was our most valuable asset. Sticky valves, weird mag-drops, hydraulic mysteries, and all the other gremlins that haunt a tactical unit were less nettling because we could laugh it off. All in all, we feel that our spirit and our accomplishments are summarized in this simply stanza: Be it fighters over Kimpo, Or to strafe Korea's shore; In answer to the call we go To hit the reds once more.

Combat in Southeast Asia, 18 Feb–26 Apr 1965 and 16 Aug–23 Oct 1965.

"In January 1965, seven pilots of the 67 TFS deployed to Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, to become one of the first tactical outfits to support the Vietnamese war. On April 3 and 4, 1965, Lt.Colonel Robinson Risner, Commander of the 67 led two successive operations against vitally important and heavily defended targets in North Vietnam. Performing in the role of air coordinator, Colonel Risner arrived in the area before the main strike force, evaluated the effectiveness of each strike, re-directed subsequent strikes, and provided flak suppression against defenses that would hinder delivery aircraft in the performance of their mission. On this mission, he sustained a direct hit but was able to land at a friendly airfield. On April 4th, he led an attacking force of fighter aircraft on a restrike against the same target. For his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship and aggressiveness, Colonel Risner was awarded the Air Force Cross. Lieutenant Colonel Robinson Risner was shot down on 16 September 1965, while on a mission against the Thanh Hoa Railroad and Highway Bridge (aka "The Dragon's Jaw"). When he landed in his parachute, Colonel Risner injured his knee and was captured by the North Vietnamese. During his stay as a guest of the Hanoi Hilton, Colonel Risner spent four and a half years in solitary confinement.

Provided air defense in Far East region, 1968.

Some 200 airmen from 18th Wing at Kadena AB, Japan, accompanied 12 F-15 Eagles on a two-week aviation training relocation deployment to Nyutabaru AB, Japan, last weekend, where they will train jointly with Japan Air Self Defense Force units on the island of Kyushu. The 12 F-15s, from Kadena's 67 Fighter Squadron, arrived at Nyutabaru on Oct. 18 and will fly and train alongside JASDF F-4Js of the 5th Wing to improve tactical interoperability and readiness for the next two weeks. In addition to training with the 5th Wing at Nyutabaru, USAF Capt. William Sullivan, 67 FS ATR project officer, said Kadena's 623rd Air Control Flight also will train for ground control intercepts at nearby Tsuiki AB, Japan—home of JASDF's 8th Wing. The ATR gives Kadena airmen the chance to practice deployed operations, while working with elements of both the 5th and 8th Wings. Sullivan said Kadena pilots and USAF fighters have flown a lot with JASDF units stationed at Naha, on Okinawa, but have not flown with pilots from Nyutabaru in five years. 2014

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