

180th FIGHTER WING



LINEAGE

Constituted 180th Tactical Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1962
Activated and Federally Recognized, 15 Oct 1962
Redesignated 180th Fighter Group, 15 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Swanton, OH

ASSIGNMENTS

122nd Tactical Fighter Wing

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

F-84F, 1962
F-100D, 1970
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 equilateral 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, according to a release. 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. Dayton's WDTN TV news station reported that 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



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