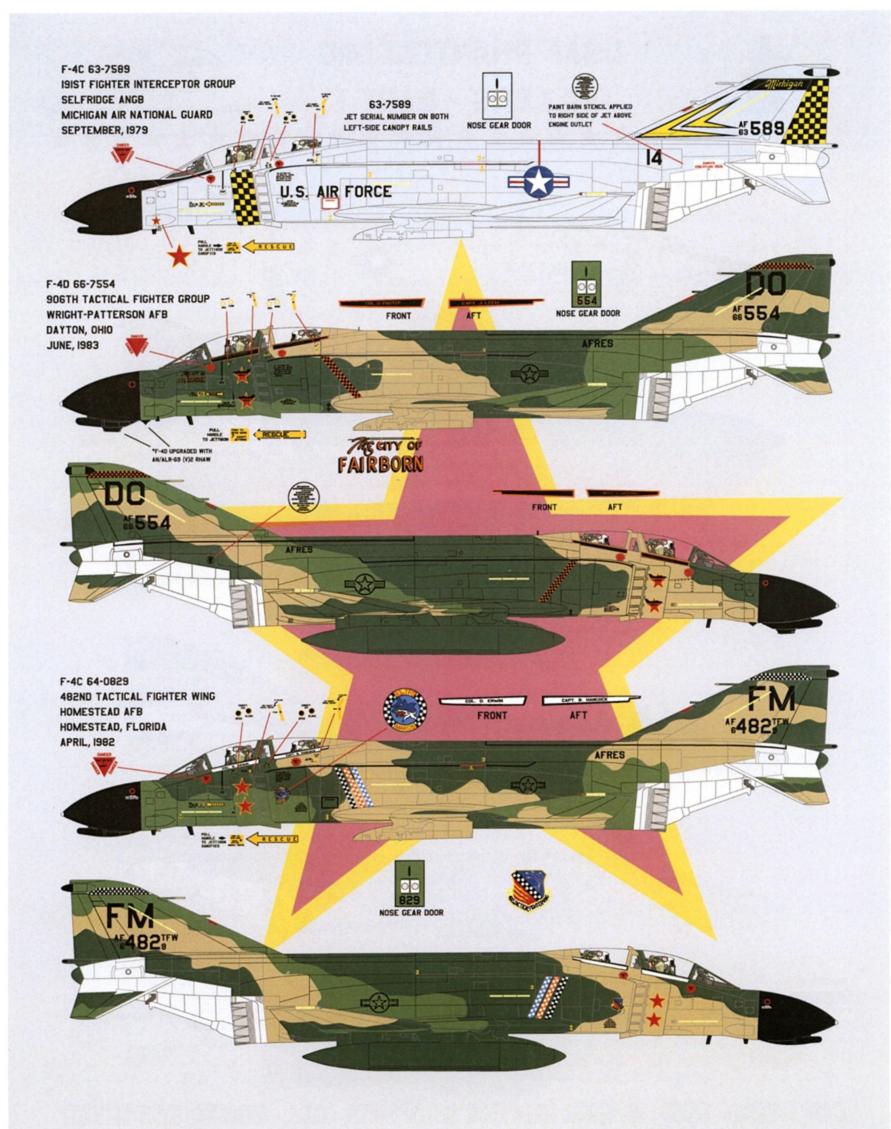


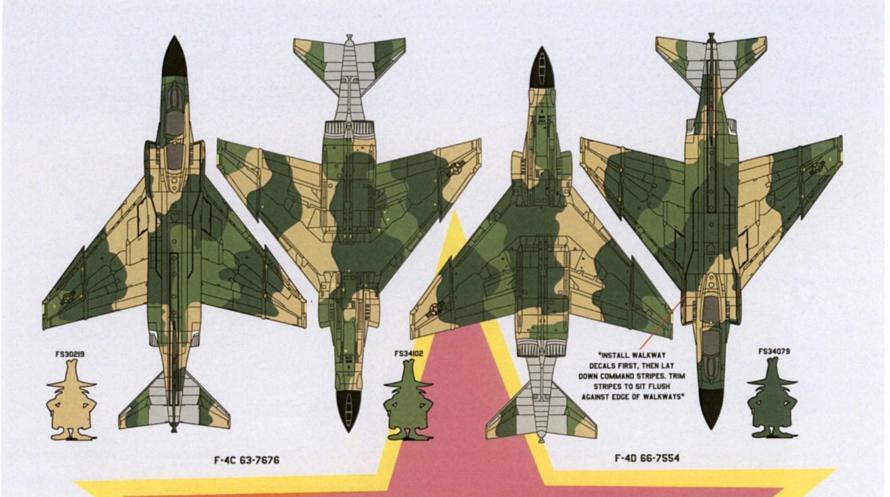
## USAF PHANTOM MIG KILLERS - PART I





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F-4C 63-7589 -- CREDITED WITH A MIG-21 KILL ON JANUARY 2, 1967, WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 8TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING,
555TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON. WHILE FLYING AS 'OLDS 02,' ILT. RALPH WETTERHAHN AND ILT. J. SHARP DESTROYED THE
NVAF MIG WITH AN AIM-7 SPARROW DURING THE FAMOUS OPERATION BOLO MISSION LED BY COL. ROBIN OLDS.



F-4C 63-7676 -- DESPITE ITS TWO MIG KILL MARKINGS, THIS PHANTOM DID NOT EARN ITS AERIAL VICTORIES. DURING THE LATE 1970'S, '676 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 58TH TACTICAL FIGHTER TRAINING WING AT LUKE AFB, ARIZONA. THE WING COMMANDER AT THE TIME WAS BRIG GEN HAEFFNER, WHO SHOT DOWN TWO MIGS DURING HIS TOURS IN VIETNAM. THE TWO PAINTED STARS WERE IN HONOR OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND REMAINED ON THE AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT ITS TIME IN ARIZONA. WHEN THE JET WAS ASSIGNED TO THE HAWAII ANG, IT INITIALLY RETAINED ITS KILL MARKINGS UNTIL THEY WERE FINALLY REMOVED WHEN THE MISTAKE WAS NOTICED.



F-4C 64-0829 -- FLOWN BY COL. ROBIN OLDS DURING HIS TIME COMMANDING THE 8TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, '829 DESTROYED A PAIR
OF MIG-17S ON MAY 20, 1967. AN AIM-7 SPARROW AND AIM-9 SIDEWINDER WERE USED FOR THE KILLS. '829 IS CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY
AT THE USAF MUSEUM IN DAYTON, OHIO, WEARING MARKINGS CLOSE IN APPEARANCE TO THOSE IT WORE DURING ITS TIME IN VIETNAM.



F-4D 66-7554 -- MAJ. HOWERTON AND ILT. VOIGT USED THE 20MM GUN POD TO DESTROY A MIG-17 ON FEBRUARY 14, 1968, WHILE FLYING AS NASH 03. NO OFFICIAL CREDIT IS GIVEN FOR THE 2ND KILL STAR PAINTED ON THE AIRCRAFT. '554 WAS RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN 1989 AND USED AS A GATE GUARD AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO, IN THE MARKINGS OF THE 906TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP. IN 2005, IT WAS REMOVED FROM ITS PERCH AND TOWED TO THE USAF MUSEUM WHERE IT SPENT THE NEXT FEW YEARS IN STORAGE. IT IS NOW ON DISPLAY ONCE AGAIN AT THE WARNER ROBINS AFB MUSEUM IN GEORGIA WHERE IT HAS BEEN SINCE 2008.



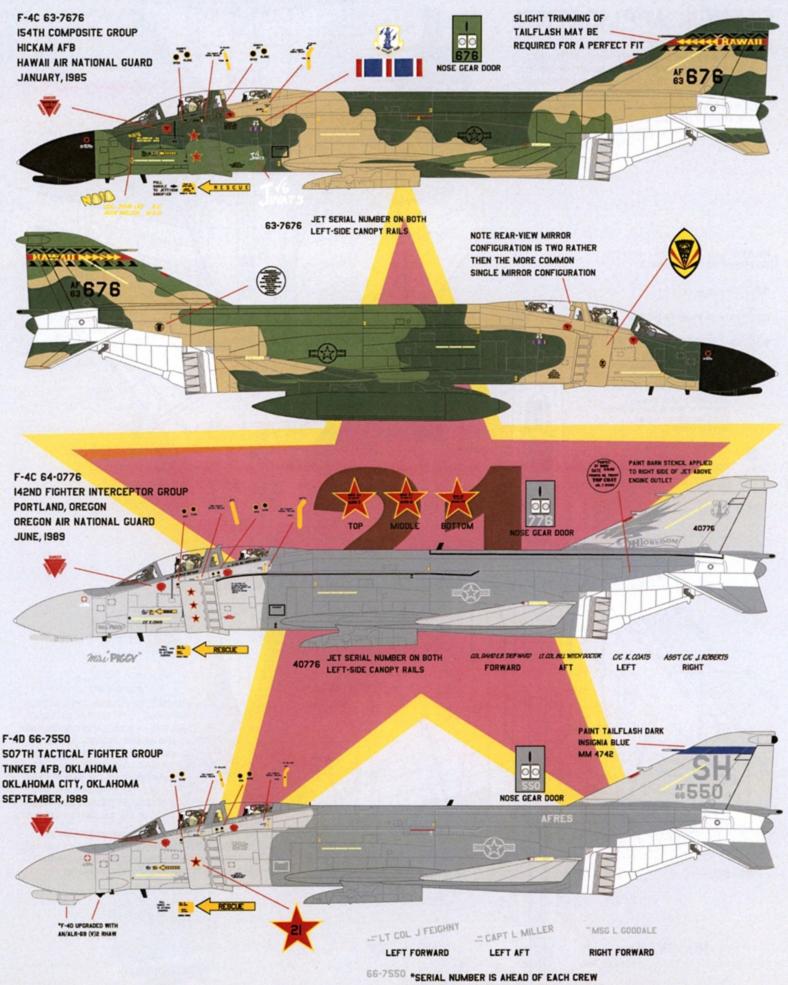
F-4C 64-0776 IS THE ONLY PHANTOM TO HAVE USED EACH OF ITS THREE WEAPONS SYSTEMS TO DESTROY A MIG. THE AIM-7 WAS USED BY MAJ. ANDERSON AND CAPT. KJER ON APRIL 23, 1967, WHILE FLYING AS CHICAGO 03. BARELY A MONTH LATER, LT. COL. TITUS AND ILT. ZIMMER USED AN AIM-9 AND THE 20MM GUNPOD TO DESTROY A PAIR OF MIG-2IS, WHILE FLYING AS WANDER OI.



F-4D 66-7550 WAS FLOWN BY MAJ. CHERRY AND CAPT. FEINSTEIN ON APRIL 16,1972, TO DOWN A MIG-2I. THE PAIR FIRED A SINGLE AIM-7 TO DESTROY THE MIG. 550 FINISHED ITS CAREER WITH THE 906TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO. IT WAS PUT ON DISPLAY AT A LOCAL VFW POST IN ENON, OHIO, BUT RECLAIMED BY THE USAF MUSEUM WHEN ITS CONDITION WAS ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE. IT IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE AVIATION HERITAGE PARK IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY.







\*SERIAL NUMBER IS AHEAD OF EACH CREW
NAME ON LEFT CANOPY RAIL, BUT PARALLEL
TO THE GROUND--NOT TO CANOPY RAIL

