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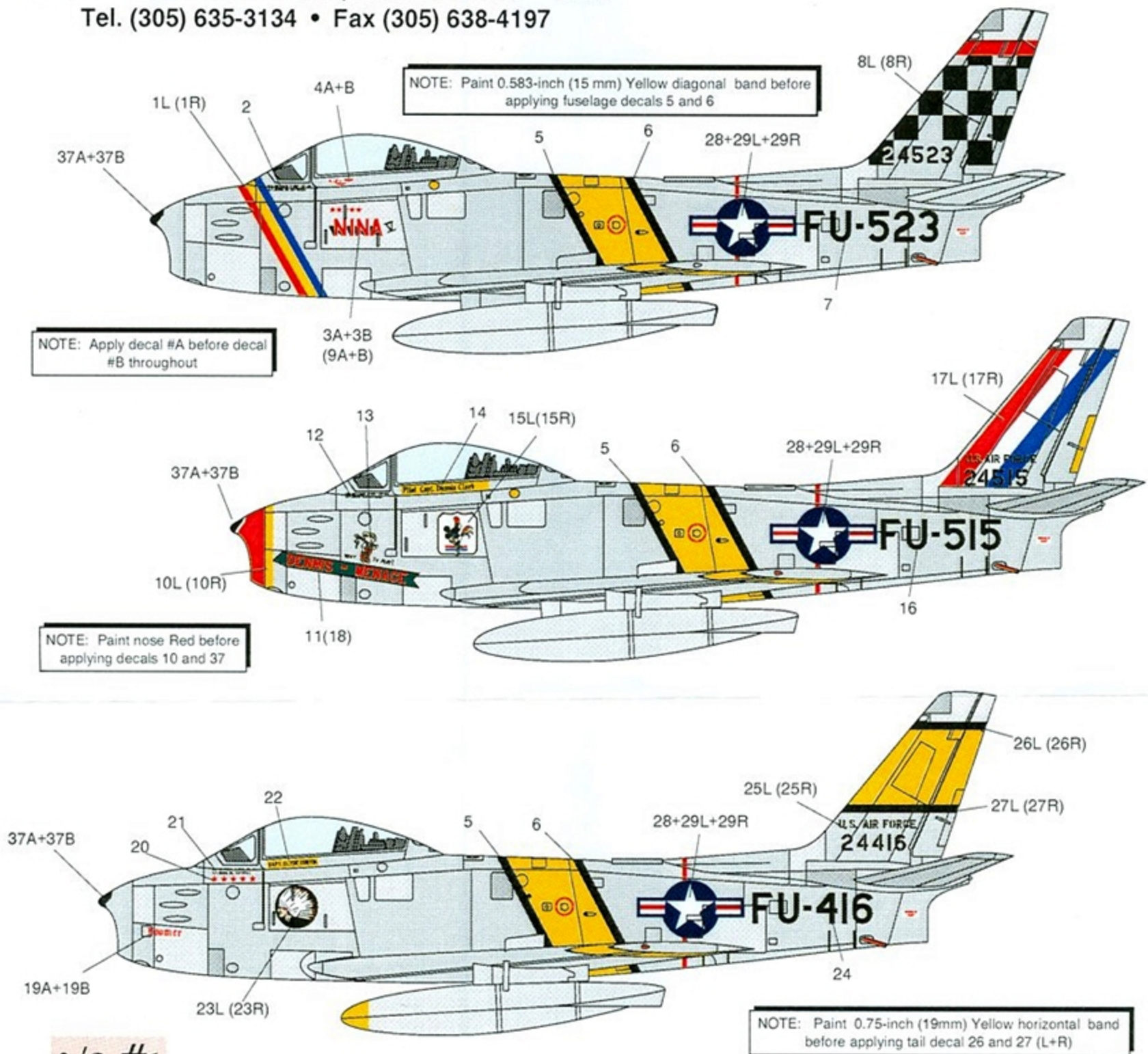


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a/c #1

F-86F-30-NA 52-4523, *Nina V.* Flown by Colonel Robert P. Baldwin, Commander, 51st Fighter Interceptor Group based at K-13 (Suwon AB) during 1953. Natural Metal Finish overall with light gray fin cap. FEAF identification markings on the Sabre's wings and fuselage consisted of a 28-inch Yellow band outlined with 4-inch Black borders. The 51st FIW marked the tails of their F-86Fs with a distinctive Black checkerboard surmounted by a band in the assigned squadron color, Red representing the 25th FIS, the unit responsible for *Nina's* maintenance. In addition, *Nina V.* carried the colors of the 51st's three component squadrons on its nose and Col Baldwin's personal tally of five Red stars.

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F-86F-30-NA 52-4515, *Dennis the Menace.* Flown by Captain Dennis Clark, 67th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 18th Fighter Bomber Group from K-55 (Osan AB) during 1953. Natural Metal Finish with Light Gray fin cap and FEAF identification bands on the wings and fuselage. In the Spring of 1953, the 18th FBG's original Blue tail band with White stars was changed to a Red/White/Blue fin flash similar to the one carried by the Sabres of No. 2 Squadron, South African Air Force, which was attached to the 18th. The 67th FB Squadron displayed its emblem on both F-86 gun bay panels and painted its nose intakes Red, the squadron color, followed by a band in, presumably, the flight color. Some Sabres apparently from the 67th's Yellow Flight also painted their rudder trim tabs Yellow, although this has not been confirmed on *Dennis the Menace.*

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F-86F-30-NA 52-4416, *Boomer.* Flown by Captain Clyde A. Curtin of the 335th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, based at K-14 (Kimp'o AB) in 1953. Natural Metal Finish with Light Gray fin cap. FEAF identification bands on the wings and fuselage. The 36-inch wide horizontal Yellow band with 4-inch Black outlines on the tail was the unit marking of the 4th FIW. The 335th FIS displayed their squadron emblem on both the left and right side gun bay panels. *Boomer* was carried on both sides of the nose and Clyde Curtin's five Mig kills were recorded on the left nose only.