

# F-16C Vipers

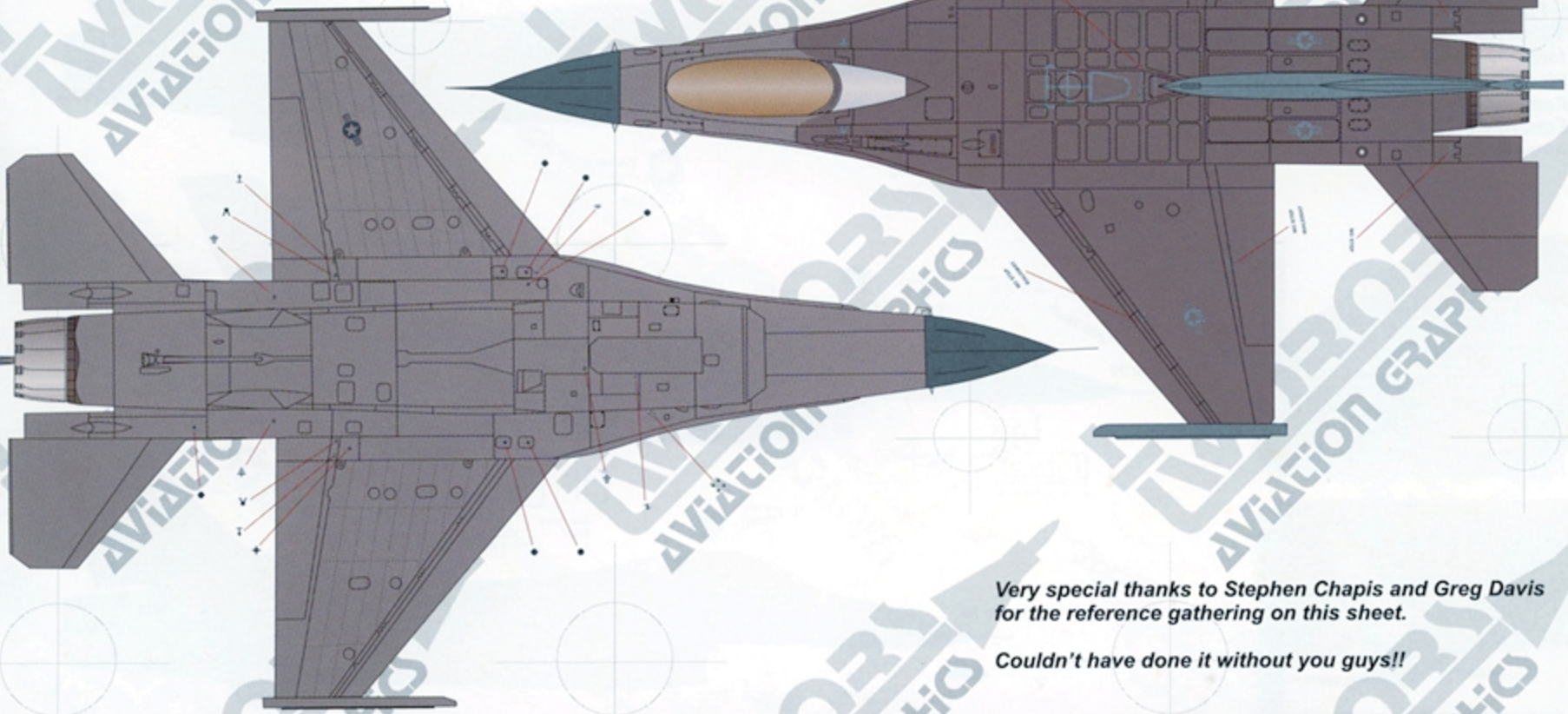
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PIDS Pylon mounted on CO ANG A/C 284. Both the COANG and the AL ANG used these pylons during their OIF deployment

#### Pylon Integrated Dispense System (PIDS)

Per Udsen Co. Aircraft Industry of Denmark has delivered more than 600 units of its Pylon Integrated Dispensing System (PIDS). Each of these pylons accommodates three AN/ALE-40 or AN/ALE-47 chaff dispensers. These equip F-16s of the Belgian, Danish and Dutch air forces, together with those of the US Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard (ANG).

The PIDS+ variant, which can carry three missile-approach warners (MAWs) in addition to two chaff dispensers, has undergone flight trials aboard an F-16 under a program sponsored by the Danish, Dutch and Norwegian air forces, with additional participation by the ANG. PIDS Universal adds a MIL-STD-1760 stores-management harness that allows it to carry the latest generation of US-developed weapons. The Pylon Accommodated Self-protection Suite is a similar development that is slated for the F/A-18.



#### Apache Shootdown

Fisherman Ali Abid Minqash was one of the highest scoring Iraq AA gunners of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Minqash told the paper that he had come across the aircraft in his field early one morning.

"I didn't shoot down an Apache or anything else. All that happened was that I went to the field, as I usually do early in the morning, and was surprised to find some bodies on the ground.

"I began to rub my eyes to make sure that what I was seeing was true or whether I was imagining it," he said.

Jubilant Iraqis celebrate Minqash's 'feat'

"When I realised that it was really true, I was overcome by fear and rushed to the nearest government post to inform them that there was a plane in my field.

"A large number of [Baath] party members and security men came with me to investigate. They told me that it was an American Apache aircraft and made me stay with them until someone who they said was a senior official arrived. I didn't know who he was.

"They asked me to say what you have heard on the TV satellite channels - that I shot down the plane with an old gun, a Brno."

Shortly thereafter, the Apache was destroyed by A/C 91-348 from the 77th FS of Shaw AFB so the aircraft and it's weapons would not fall into enemy hands.



#### SSgt Stephen Chapis

Steven is no different than the rest of the thousands of ANG and Reserve members that were activated in their country's time of need. Steven was a munitions loader during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 410th AEW. His parent unit is the District of Columbia ANG. They staged out of a classified location in the middle east during the conflict.

From 21 February 2003 (five days before his fourth wedding anniversary) to 1 May 2003, Steven and his brothers in arms loaded munitions on the F-16s of the Alabama and Colorado ANG. These aircraft flew 1,976 sorties and amassed over 7,800 flight hours between 19 March and 18 April 2003! That's less than 30 days!

Stephen comes from a long line of family members that have served their country through the military. His great-grandfather served in WWI and his grandfather fought in the Battle of the Bulge in WWII. Stephen also has an uncle that served two tours in Vietnam with the USMC.

People like Stephen come from all walks of life and show how important the ANG and Reserve component of our military are. Stephen is an EMT technician and is planning to become a registered nurse. He and his family put their entire life on hold to defend the way of life that we are all accustomed to. Thanks for that Stephen. The USA owes you and your comrades a big "thank you" for what you've done for our country.

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