



# BEWARE THE THUNDERBOLTS

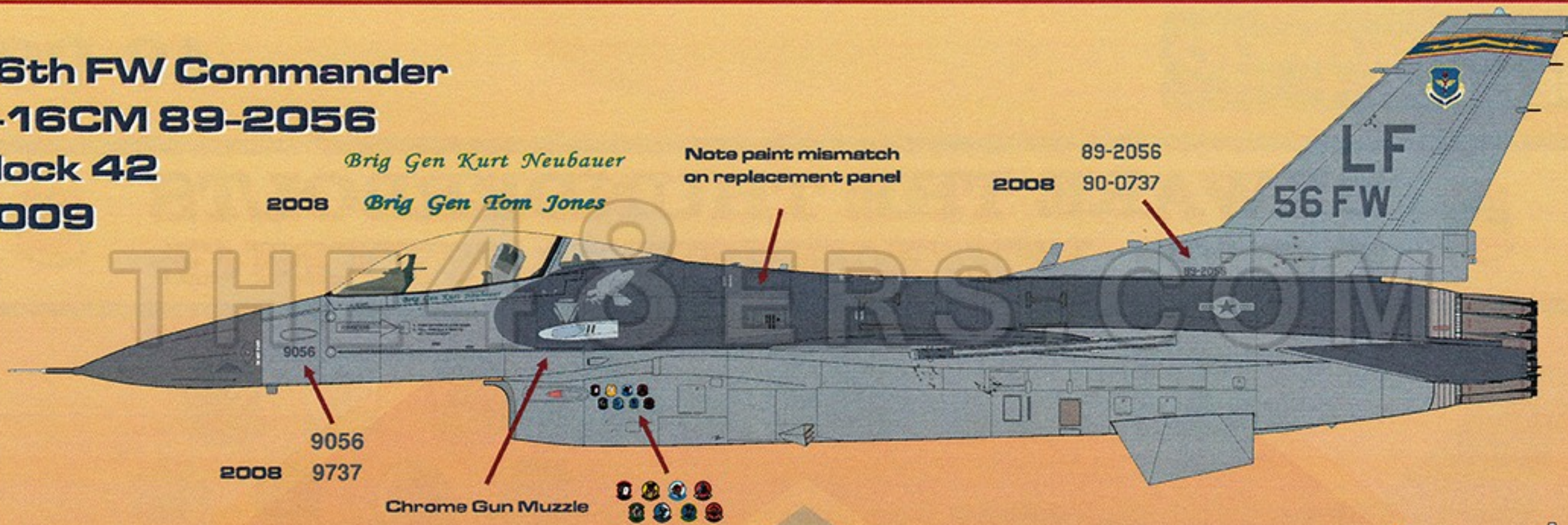
## 56th FIGHTER WING



**MARKINGS FOR 23 AIRCRAFT**  
**F-16 BLOCKS 20,25,42,52+**

**BONUS MARKINGS FOR**  
**BOARDING LADDERS & TRAVEL PODS**

**56th FW Commander  
F-16CM 89-2056  
Block 42  
2009**

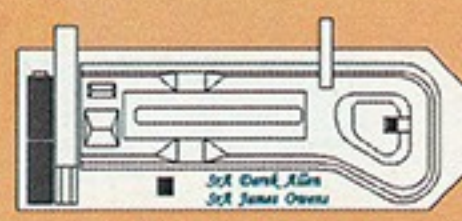


*Brig Gen Kurt Neubauer*  
2008 *Brig Gen Tom Jones*

2008 89-2056  
90-0737

2008 9056  
9737

Chrome Gun Muzzle



*SrA Derek Allen*  
*SrA James Owens*

2008 *SSgt Brad Kristofik*  
*SSgt Paul DeGrecie*

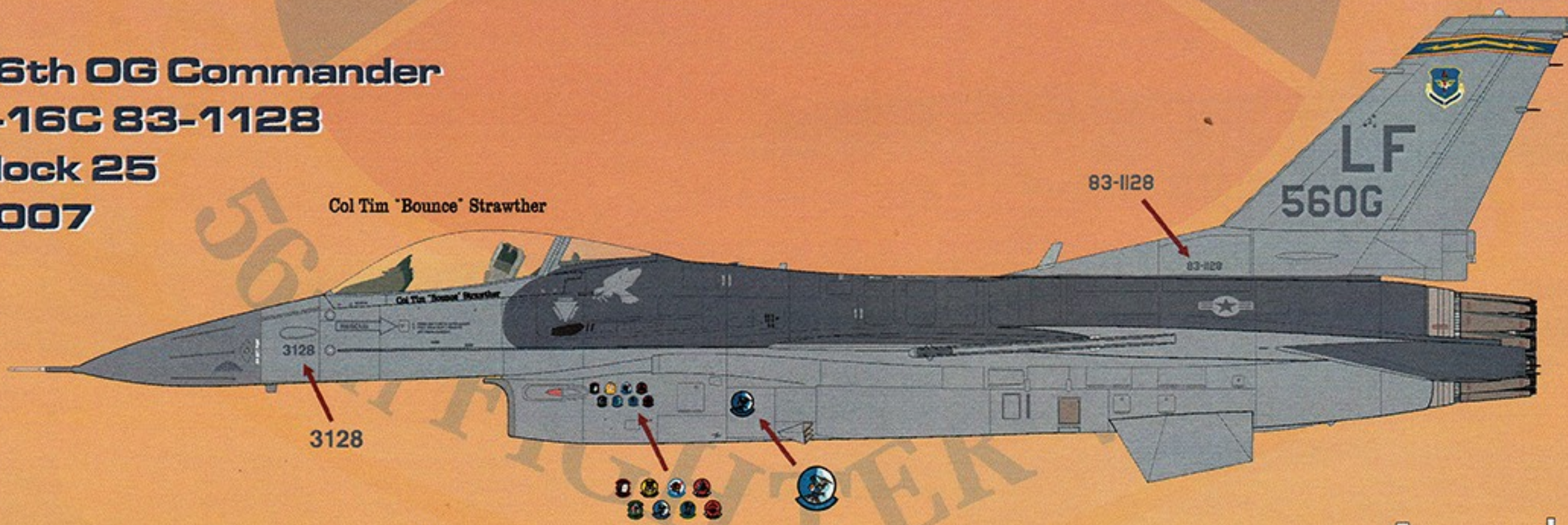
*Ann Brandon Hohenstein*  
2008



89-2056  
90-0737 2008

2008 9056  
9737

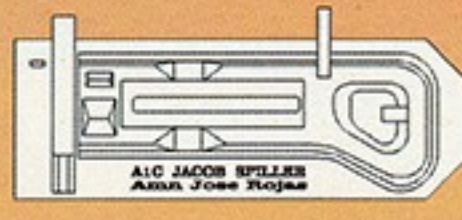
**56th OG Commander  
F-16C 83-1128  
Block 25  
2007**



*Col Tim "Bounce" Strawther*

83-1128

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*A1C JACOB SPILLER*  
*Ann Jose Rojas*

*SSgt Shawn Manning*



83-1128

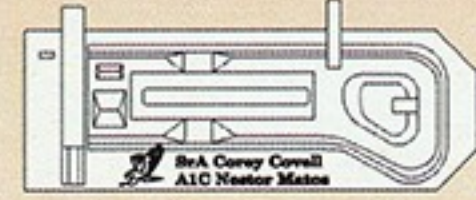
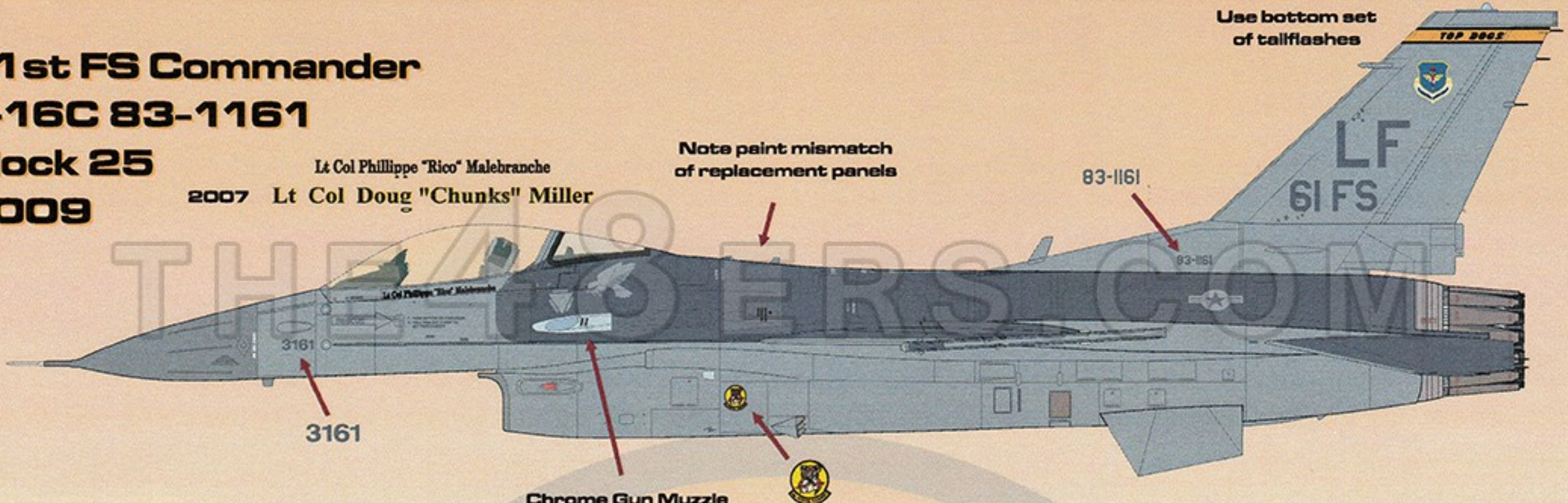
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**61st FS Commander**  
**F-16C 83-1161**  
**Block 25**  
**2009**

Lt Col Phillippe "Rico" Malebranche  
 2007 Lt Col Doug "Chunks" Miller

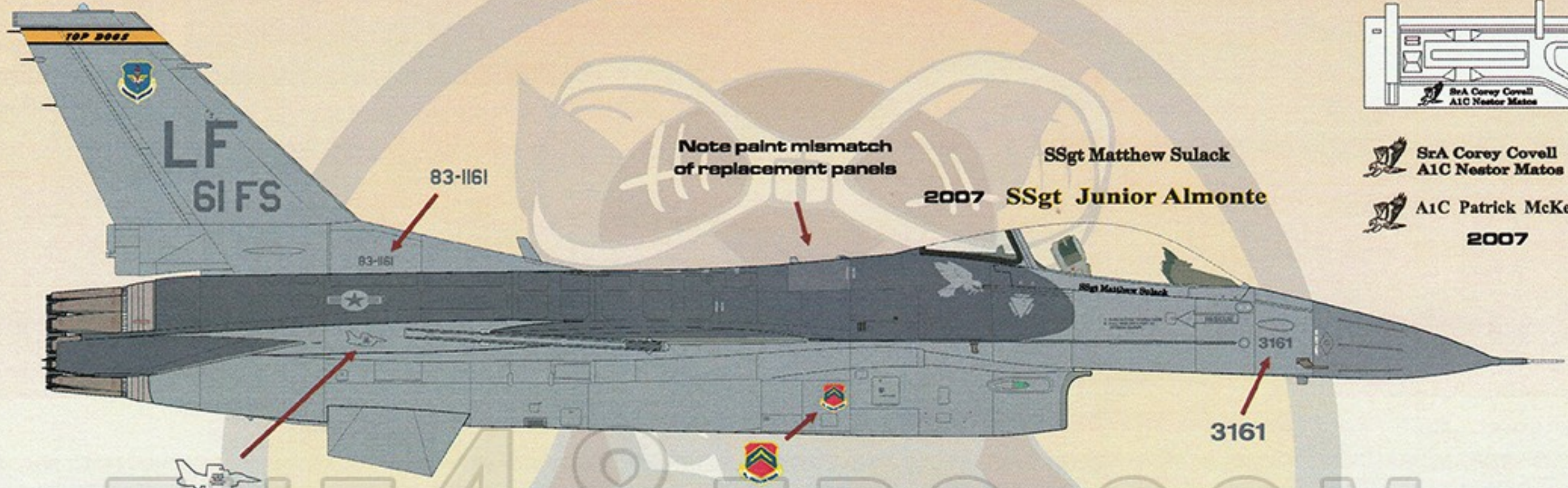
Note paint mismatch  
 of replacement panels

Use bottom set  
 of tailflashes



SrA Corey Covell  
 A1C Nestor Matos  
 2007

A1C Patrick McKenna  
 2007

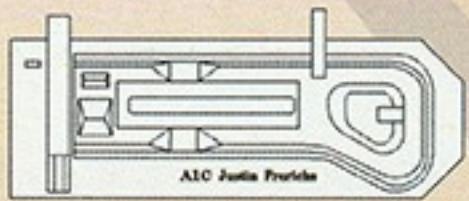


**F-16C 83-1140**  
**Block 25**

Capt Matt "A.B." Renbarger  
 ( SrA Michael Groff )

( Parenthesis indicate markings on opposite side )  
 \* Asterisk indicate markings on both sides

Use top set  
 of tailflashes



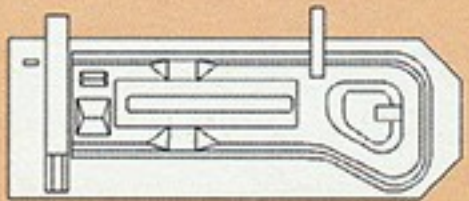
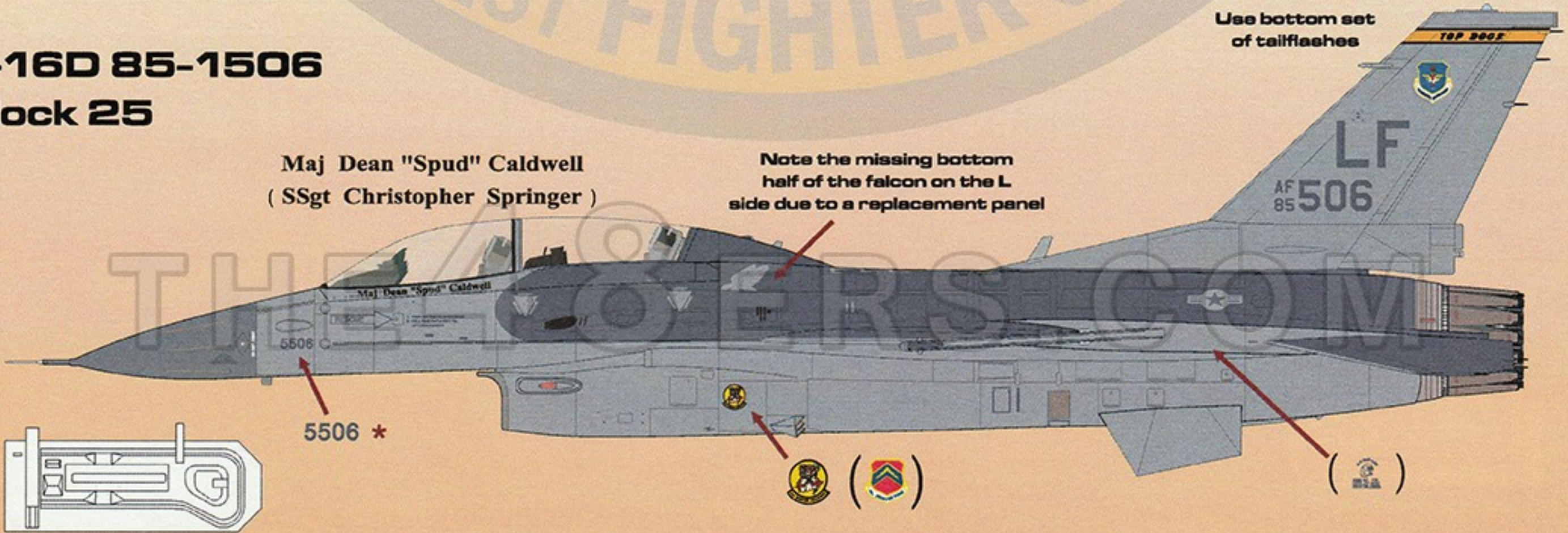
A1C Justin Frerichs

**F-16D 85-1506**  
**Block 25**

Maj Dean "Spud" Caldwell  
 ( SSgt Christopher Springer )

Note the missing bottom  
 half of the falcon on the L  
 side due to a replacement panel

Use bottom set  
 of tailflashes



**62nd FS Commander  
F-16C 84-1222  
Block 25  
2009**

*Lt Col Bob "BATMAN" Bateman*

2006 *LtCol Gerald "Buster" Lanagan*



**F-16C 84-1219  
Block 25**

*Capt Travis "Thunder" Peterson  
(Sra Garrett Porter)*

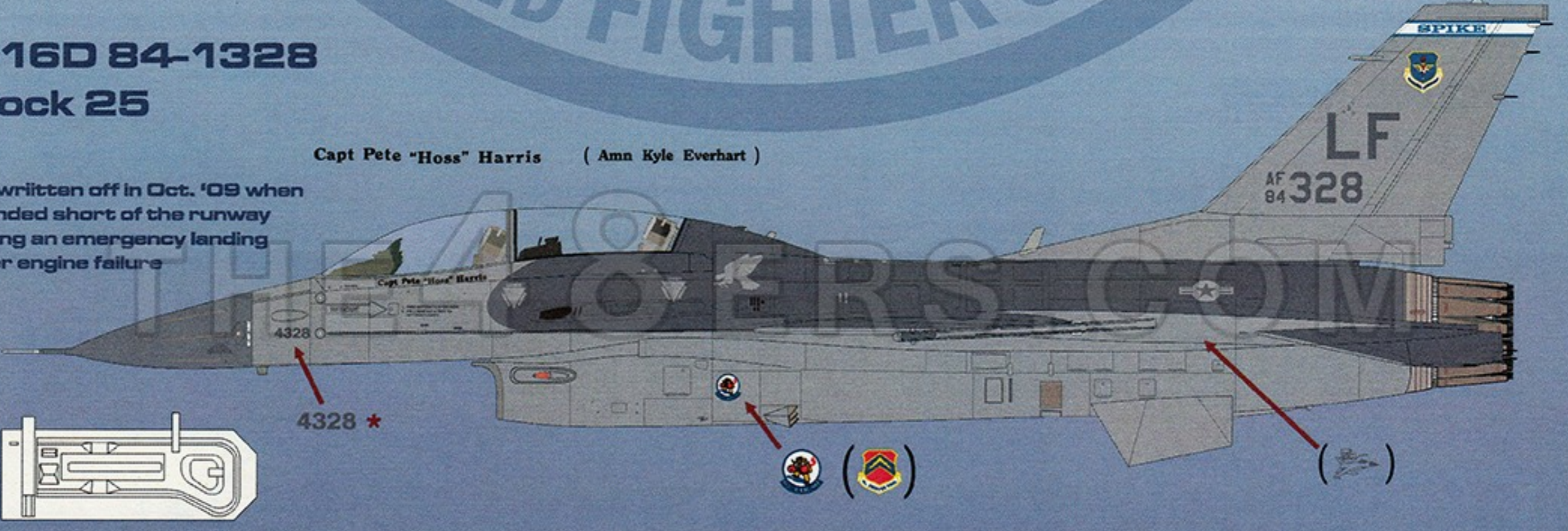
\* Asterisk indicate markings on both sides



**F-16D 84-1328  
Block 25**

*Capt Pete "Hoss" Harris (Amn Kyle Everhart)*

AC written off in Oct. '09 when it landed short of the runway during an emergency landing after engine failure

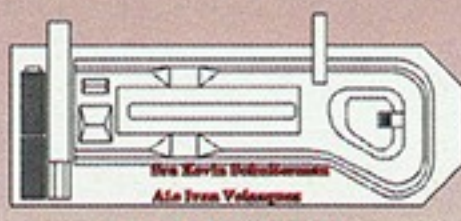
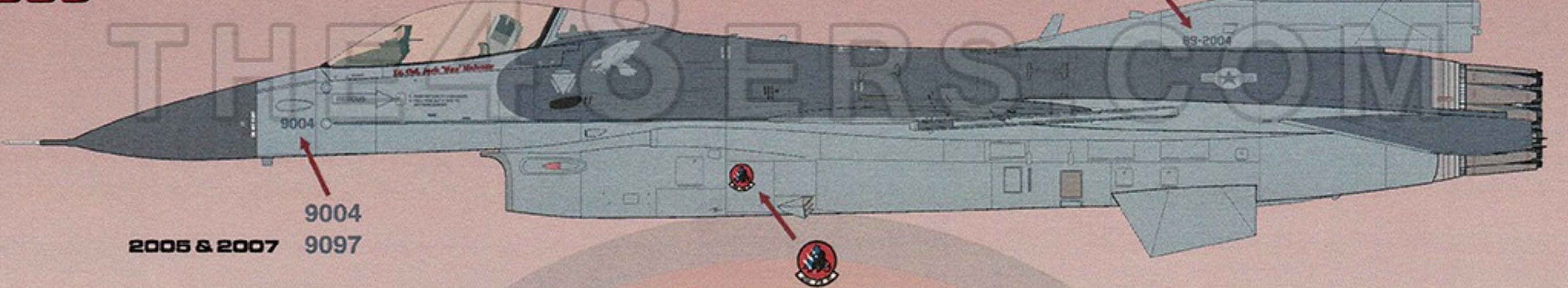


**63rd FS Commander  
F-16CM 89-2004  
Block 42  
2009**

2005 & 2007 use top set of tailflashes  
2009 use middle set of tailflashes

1st Lt. Col. Jack "Max" Maxmor  
2007 Lt Col Jeffrey Lovelace  
2005 Lt Col Scott "Rolls" Pleus

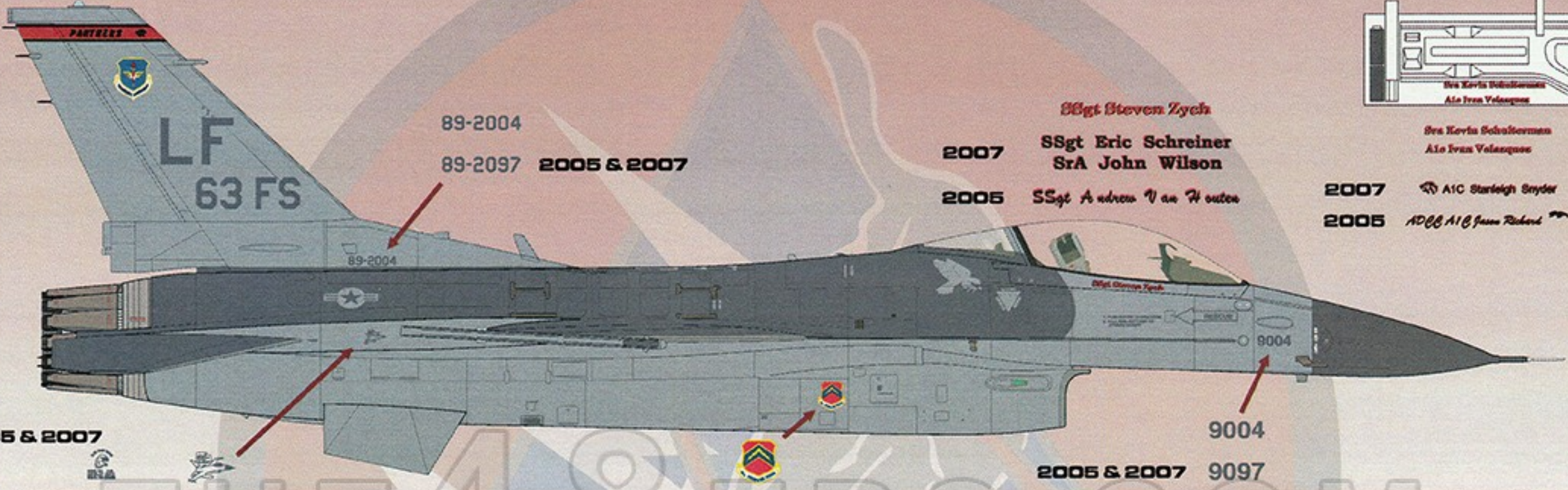
89-2004  
2005 & 2007 89-2097



SrA Kevin Schulterman  
A1c Ivan Velazquez

SSgt Steven Zych  
2007 SSgt Eric Schreiner  
SrA John Wilson  
2005 SSgt Andrew Van Houten

2007 A1C Starleigh Snyder  
2005 AD06 A1C James Richard



**F-16CG 90-0752  
Block 42**

\* Asterisk indicate markings on both sides

Use middle set of tailflashes

Capt William Shnowake  
(S)Sgt John Wilson



**F-16DG 90-0778  
Block 42  
MiG Killer**

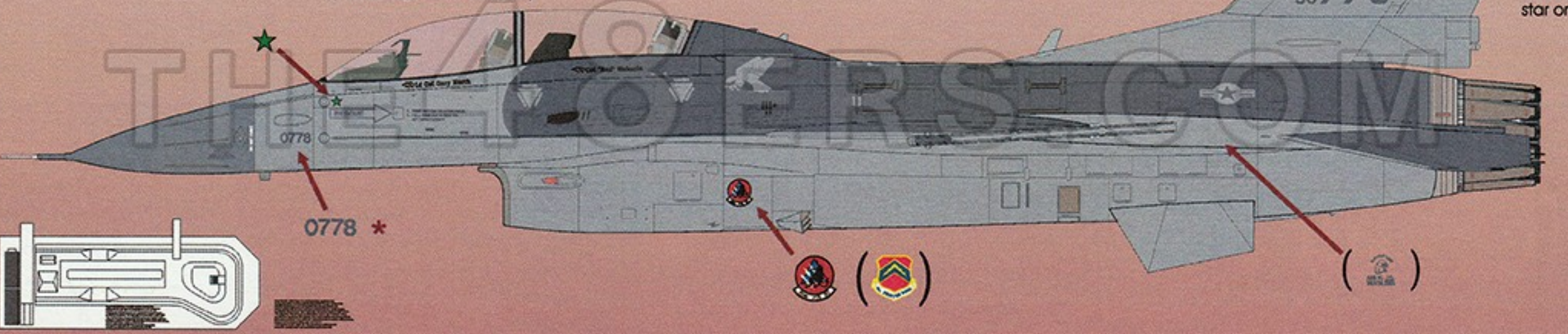
Date: 25 DEC 1992 Time: 11 5 HRS Location: Southern Iraq  
During Operation Southern Watch, Aircraft 90-778 was vectored by AWACS to intercept a pair of Iraqi MIG 25s that penetrated the United Nations 'No fly zone' and were confirmed to be hostile targets by AWACS. The order to "Take them out," was given and in a rapid series "The Fighting Falcon" fired an AMRAAM at one of the "Foxbats" which resulted in a confirmed kill (splash). This event marked several significant firsts that continued to add to the impressive list of combat achievements. First Air to Air combat victory by U.S.A.F. F-16  
First beyond visual range kill First operational AMRAAM kill  
aircraft is proudly flown and maintained by the 63rd FS!

Use middle set of tailflashes

Lt Col Gary North  
(SSgt Marc Berger)

Col "Bud" Mahurin  
(SrA Kevin McCray)

Place white star on rudder \*



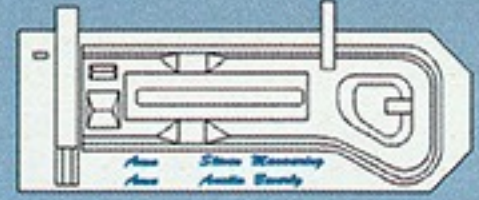
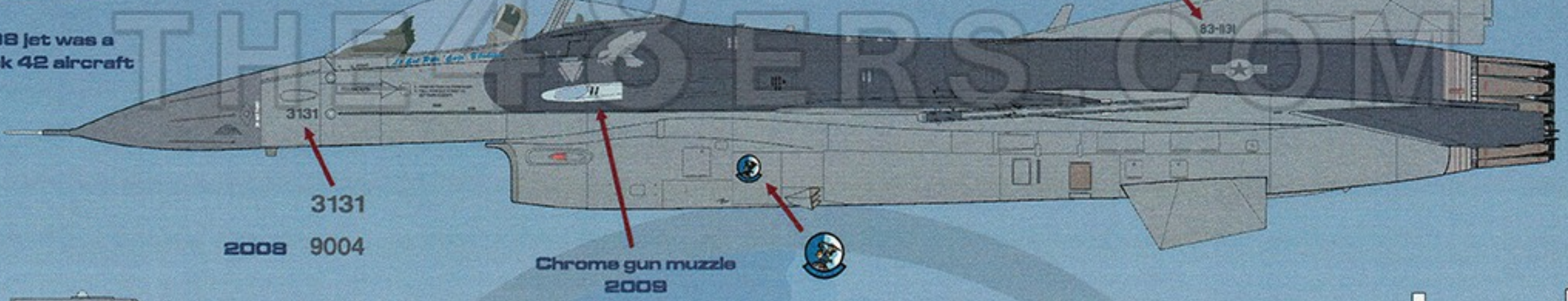


**309th FS Commander**  
**F-16C 83-1131**  
**Block 25**  
**2009**

2008 jet was a Block 42 aircraft

- 2009 Lt Col Pete "Cup" Bilodeau
- 2008 Lt Col Pete "Cujo" Bilodeau
- 2007 Lt Col Pete "Pulse" Davey
- 2006 LTC Pete "Pulse" Davey
- 2005 LTC Keith "Smoker" Miller

2005 use 3 stars \* 2006 use 5 stars

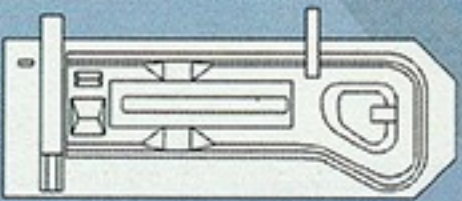


- 2009 Amos Steven Newsome
- 2008 A1C Ivan Velazquez
- 2007 S.A. Jason Sidman
- 2006 S.A. Jason Sidman
- 2005 A1C Teddy Mann

**F-16C 83-1122**  
**Block 25**

MAJ Troy "Trojan" Gilbert  
 (SSgt Mandi Giglio)

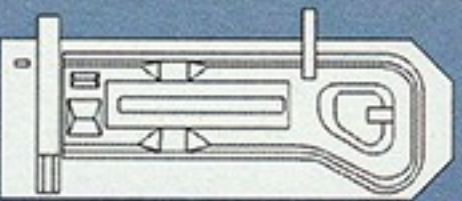
\* Asterisk indicate markings on both sides  
 This jet wore these markings for the flyover at the memorial for Maj. Troy "Trojan" Gilbert, who was killed in action in Iraq on Nov. 27, 2006 while on temporary assignment to the 332nd AEW at Balad AB. The markings are included as a tribute to his service and the service of the men and women of the USAF serving in harm's way.



**F-16D 83-1182**  
**Block 25**

Capt Chad "Poker" Ashcraft  
 (SSGT Ron Grant)

Capt James "Alpha" Ellison  
 (SRA COREY DENTREMONT)

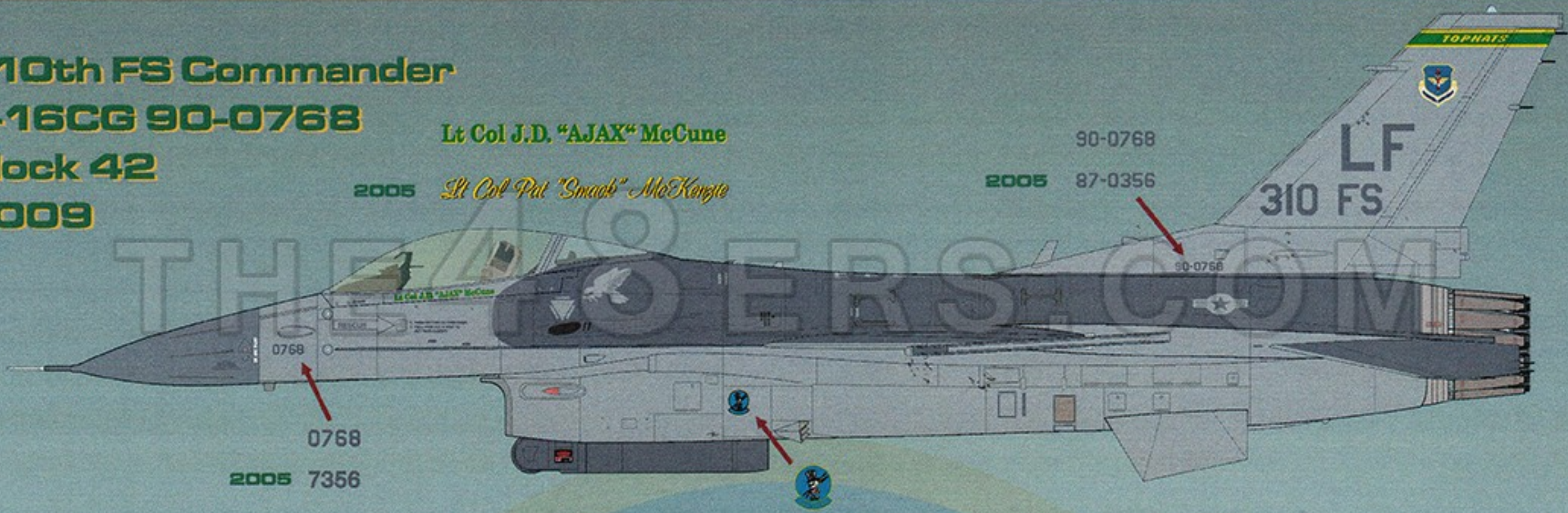


**310th FS Commander**  
**F-16CG 90-0768**  
**Block 42**  
**2009**

Lt Col J.D. "AJAX" McCune

2005 *Slt Col Pat "Smack" McKenzie*

2005 90-0768  
 2005 87-0356



SSgt Billy Lizama

2005 *SrA Jason McMeane*

A1C Joshua Pfeifer

*A1C Eric Stenmark*  
*A1C Graham Stenmark*

2006

**F-16 CG 90-0722**  
**Block 42**

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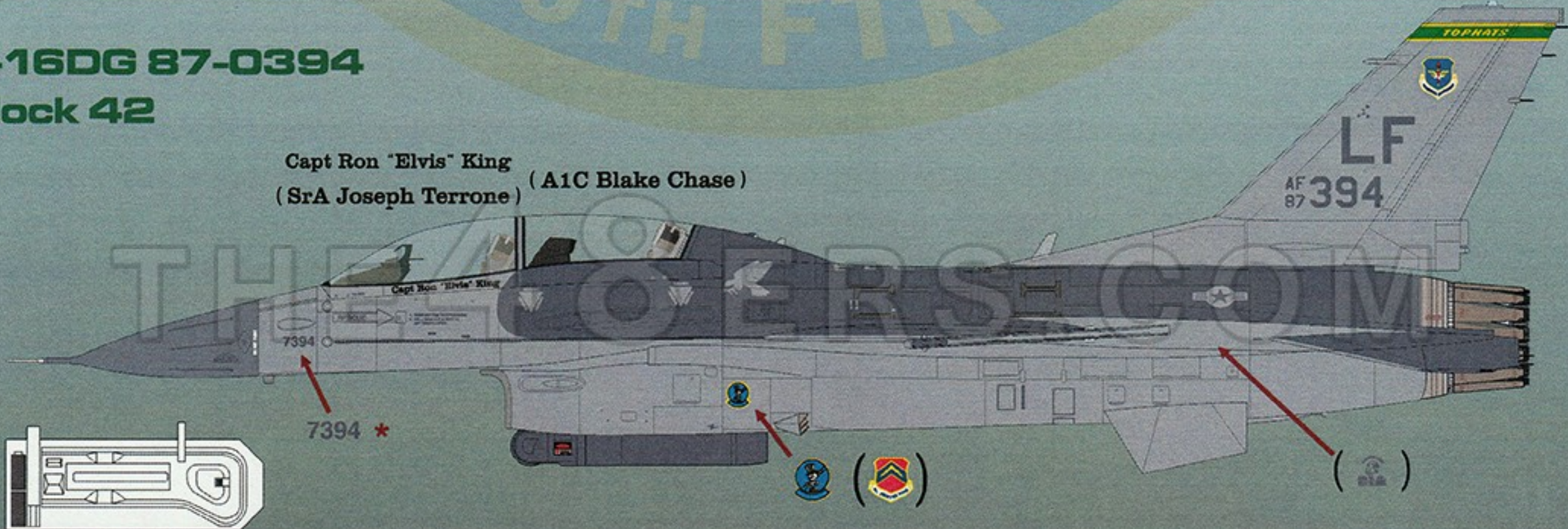
Lt. Col Mathew "Boomer" Roberson  
 (SrA Travis Barnes)



A1C Greg Stetham

**F-16DG 87-0394**  
**Block 42**

Capt Ron "Elvis" King  
 (SrA Joseph Terrone) (A1C Blake Chase)

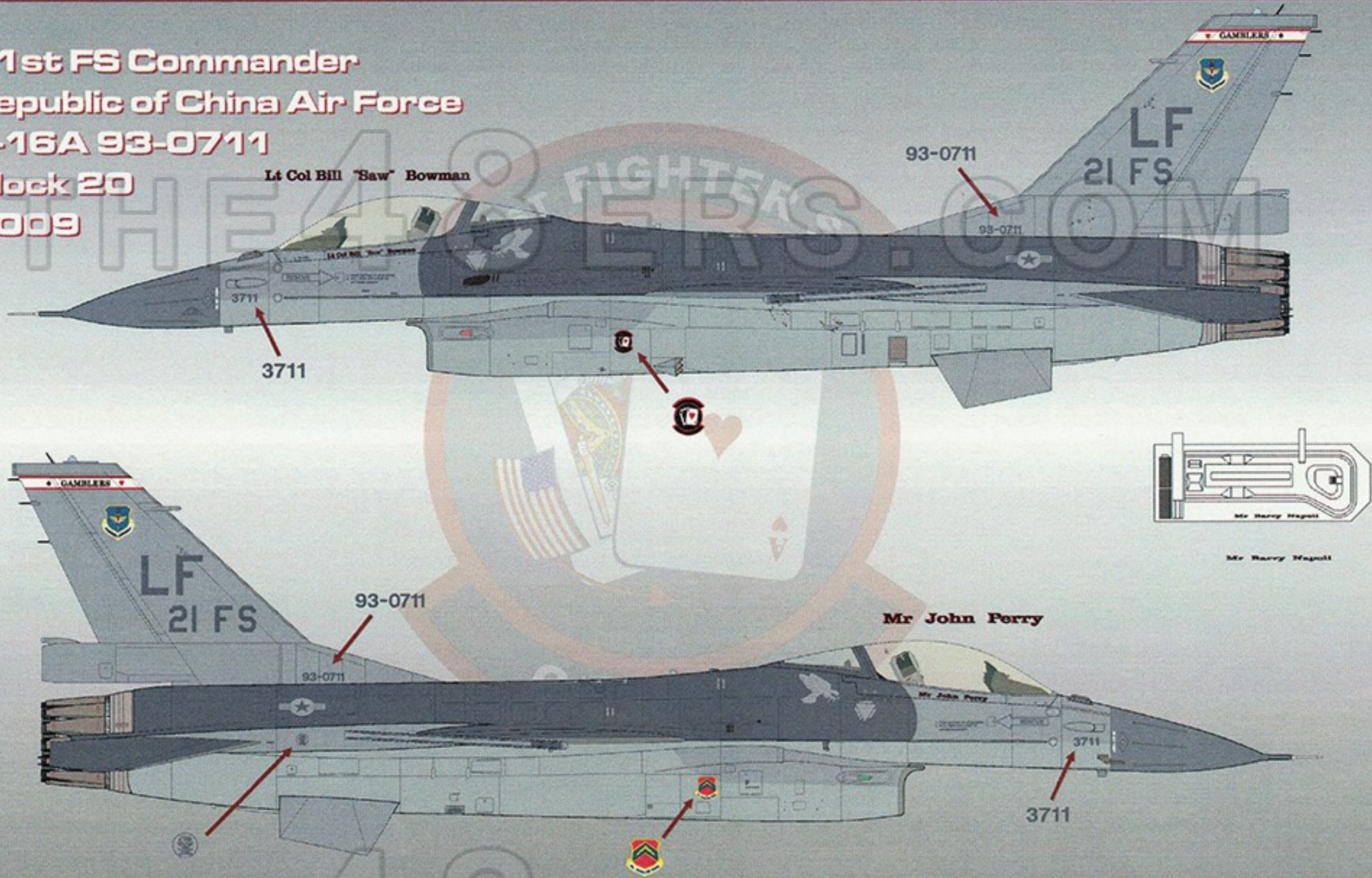


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**21st FS Commander  
Republic of China Air Force  
F-16A 93-0711  
Block 20  
2009**



**Modeling Notes**

**F-16 Kits**

**Block 20** Kinetic makes the only out of the box block 20 kit. Well, our slobbering love affair with the Tamiya F-16s is no secret, but sadly they don't do early vipers. Starting with the block 25/42 kit, it wouldn't be that hard to use the small parabrake tail from a Hasegawa kit or an aftermarket one, and fix a few panel lines.

**Block 25/42** Best kit would be Tamiya's F-16 C/N "Aggressor/Adversary" boxing. It has both type intakes, exhausts, and HUD, everything you need in one box.

**Block 52+** For the C model, best kit, again, would be Tamiya's F-16 C/N "Aggressor/Adversary" kit. It has the NSI intake, P&W exhausts, and heavy weight gear. The other P&W engined kits (ANG & thunderbirds) only have the lightweight gear. The only thing missing would be the alternate style of IFF antennas.

For the D model, best bet would be the Hasegawa F-16D block 52 kit, until Tamiya finally decides to make a D! This kit does come with the appropriate spine & IFF antennas for the RSAF jets.

This sheet is the culmination of several years of reference gathering, from personal, as well as numerous outside sources both civilians and military, and we'd like to thank them publicly for their gracious and indispensable assistance.

Jake Melampy  
Wally VanWinkle  
Cliff Bossie  
Mike Idacavage  
Bill Hammond  
Shawn Hull

Capt. James Ellison  
Maj. Melissa May  
SSgt John Wilson  
Jason Cheah  
SSgt Duke Newsome  
Bruce Biggs

Roberto Samper  
John Kerr  
Maj. Troy Gilbert  
Mike Reeves  
Pete Biddle  
LTC Keith Miller

**Aftermarket Recommendations**

[shell24.com](http://shell24.com) Tired of waiting for Tamiya to kit out a D model? Yeah, me too. Hopefully I should have a D model conversion for the Tamiya kit done by the time you are reading this. I will also soon have available other weapons sets applicable to this sheet, such as the mk.82 ballutes, mavericks, LAU-131 rocket pods, and AMA pods.

**Royale Resins** makes really nice replacement wells, and a one piece radome, if you hate fiddling with the Tamiya 2-piece part. You know how we feel about 2-piece stuff.

**Eduard** If you like photo-etch origami, they make a nice boarding ladder, set 48578. They also make some pretty decent replacement wheels & ejection seats in their Brassin line.

**Photo Reference**

For more information about the F-16, we highly recommend the photo reference books *The Modern Viper Guide*, *the F-16C/D Exposed* by Jake Melampy.

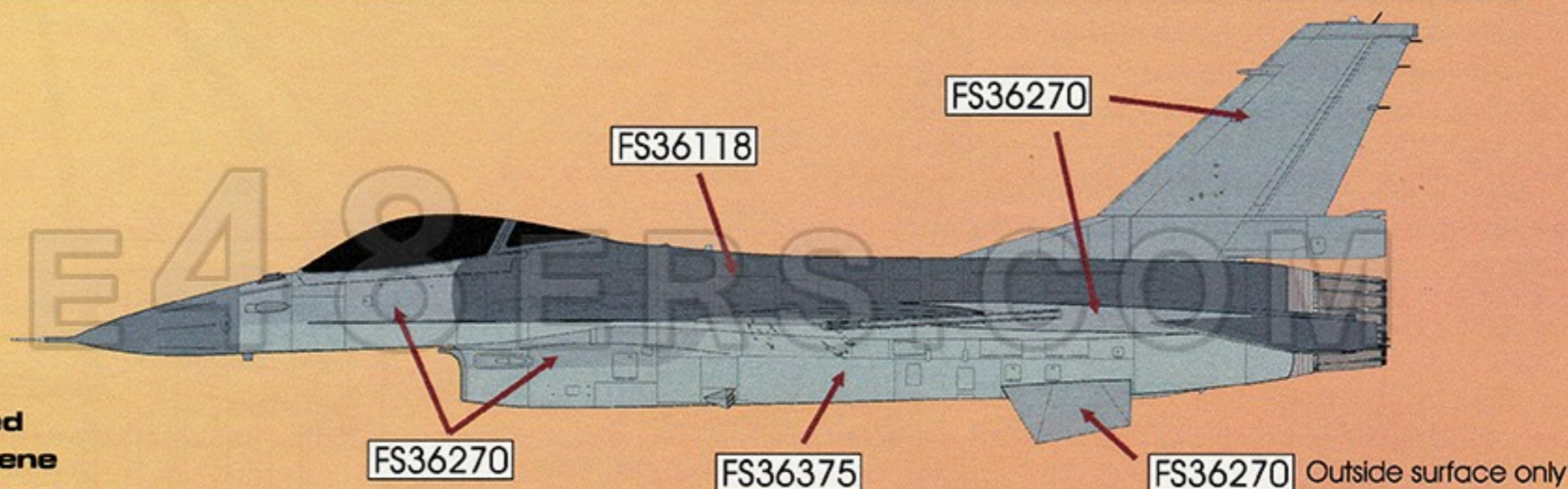
Jake also covers the jets from Luke in his hardcover book *The Viper Story, Part II: Test & Training F-16s*.

*The Scale Viper: A modeler's Guide to Building the F-16* by Pete "Pig" Fleischmann, World's Greatest Fighter Pilot and all-around good guy, is a new and incredibly valuable reference on how to model the viper.

Available through [www.reidairpublishing.com](http://www.reidairpublishing.com), or wherever awesome books are sold.

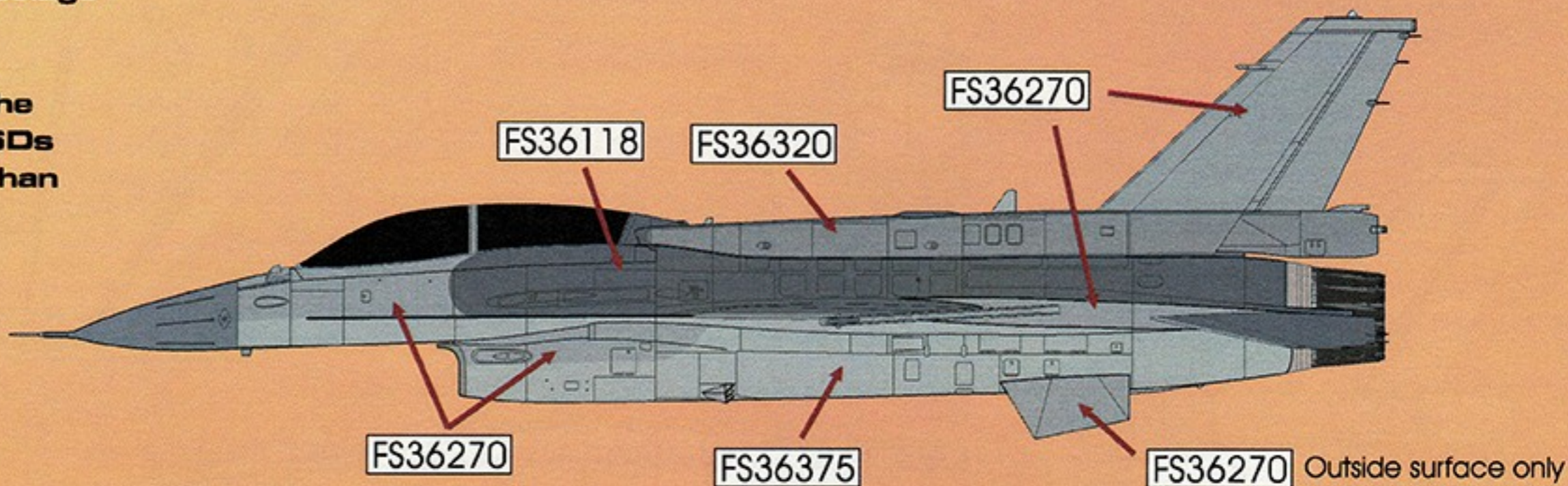


The 425th and 21st use the original 3-color scheme

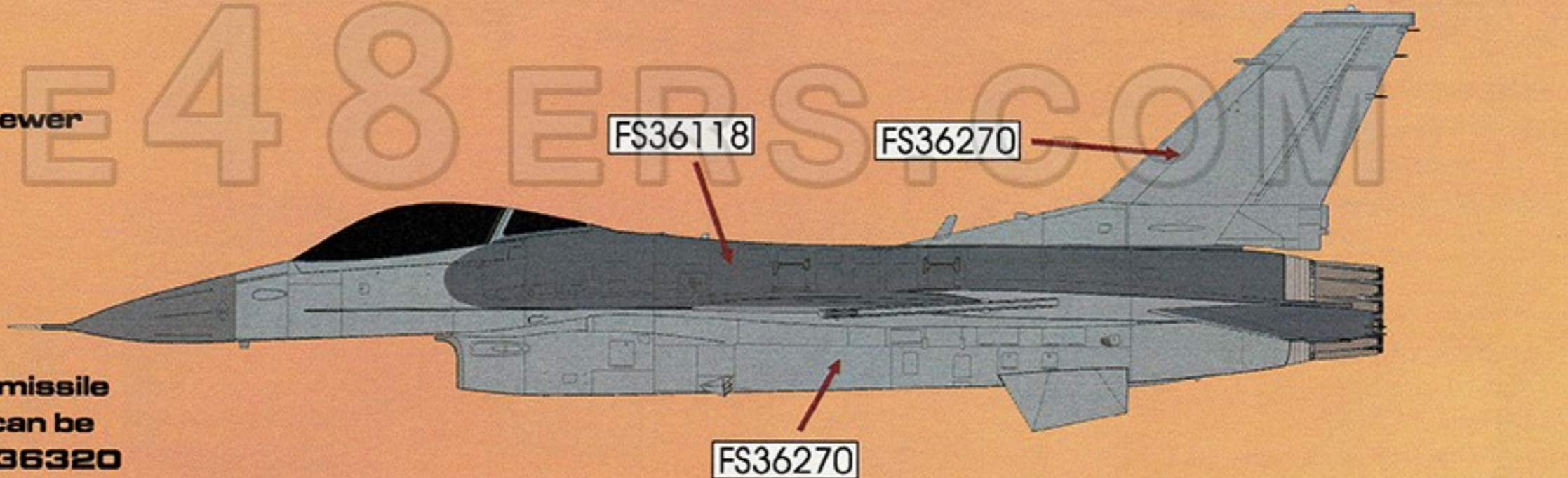


Radomes are not painted but rather have a neoprene coating. No 2 are the same color and range from fuselage color to very dark gray

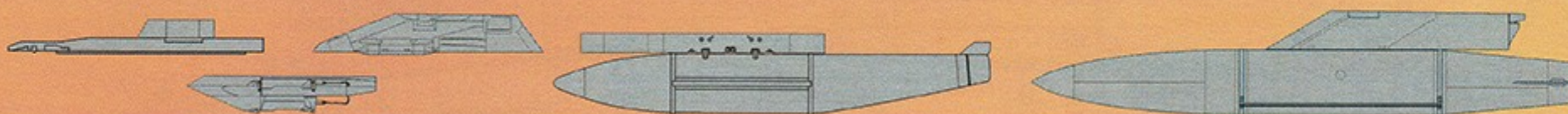
Note that the sides of the dorsal spine on the F-16Ds are painted differently than the rest of the jet



US squadrons use the newer 2-color paint scheme

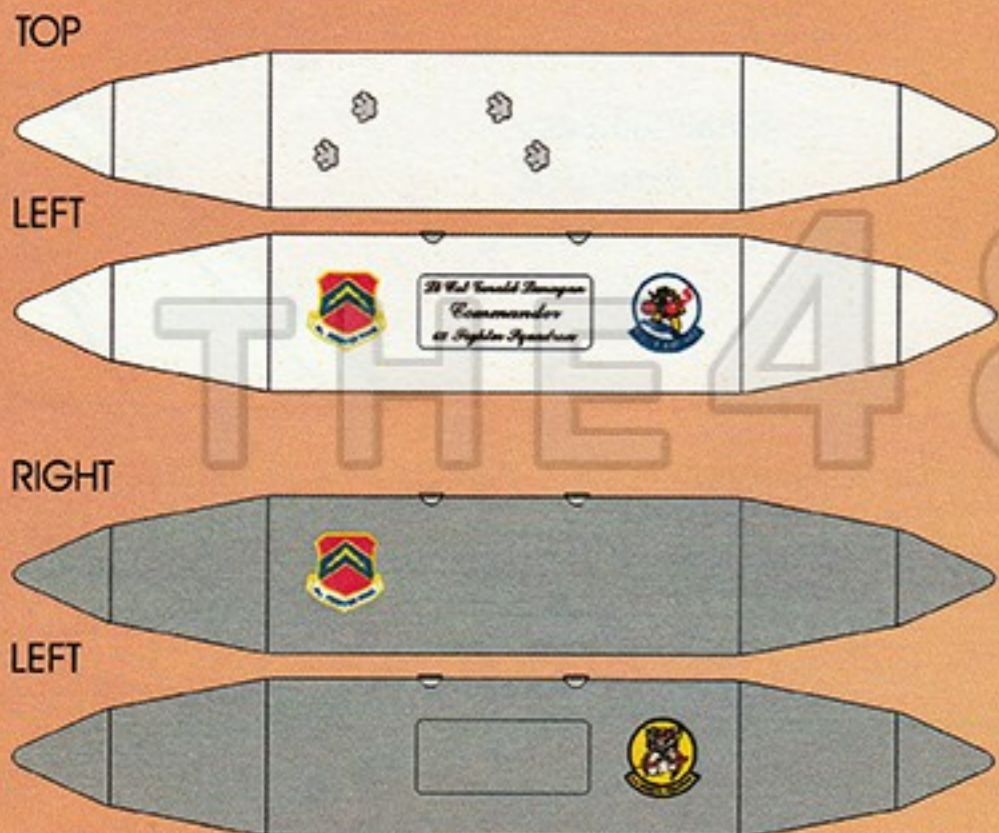


Drop tanks, weapons & missile pylons can be either FS 36375 or FS 36320



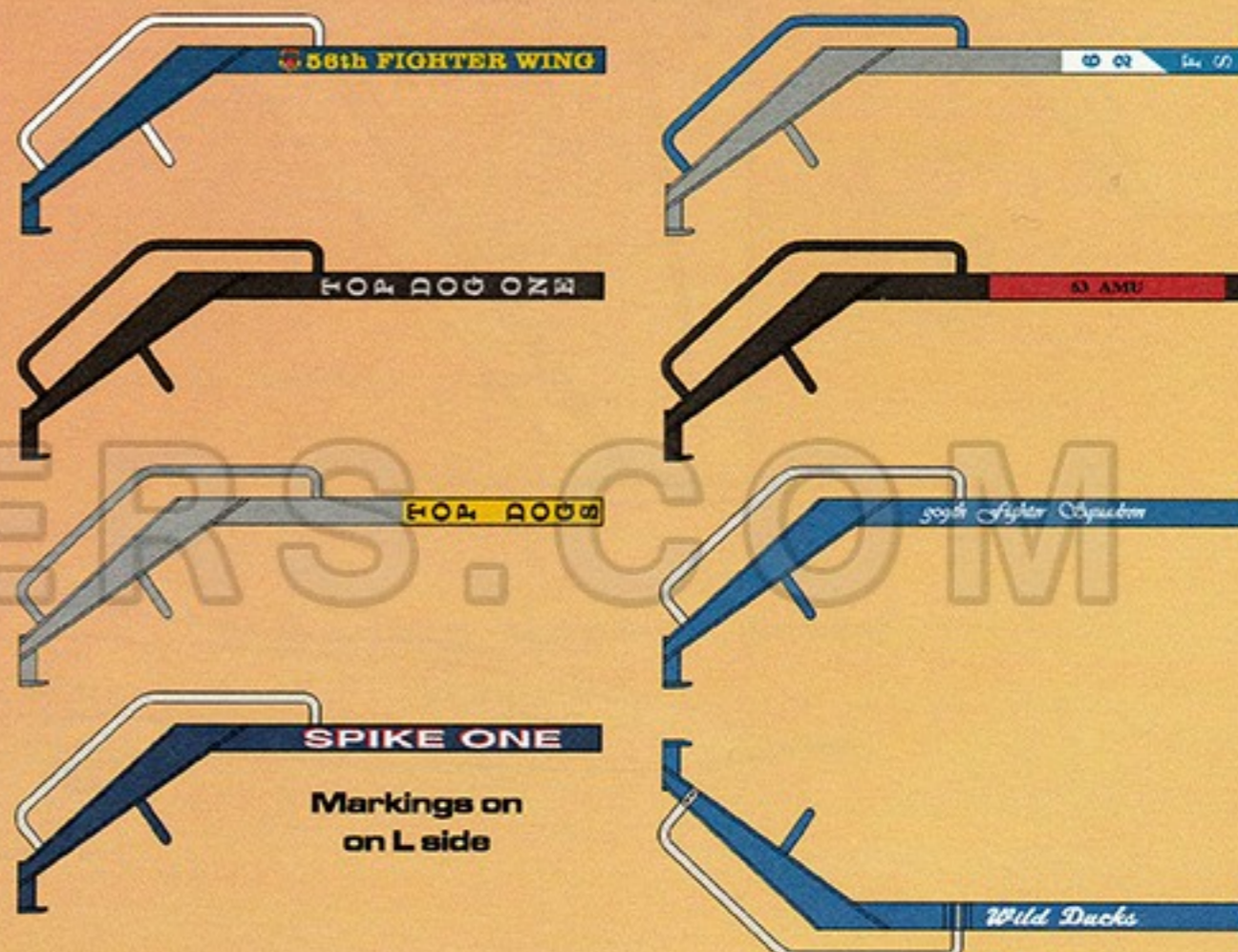
The blues is the AETC badges fades and changes colors quickly in the hot Arizona sun. 2 distinct colors were used so check reference photos and decide which hues you prefer

**MXU-648 Travel Pod**



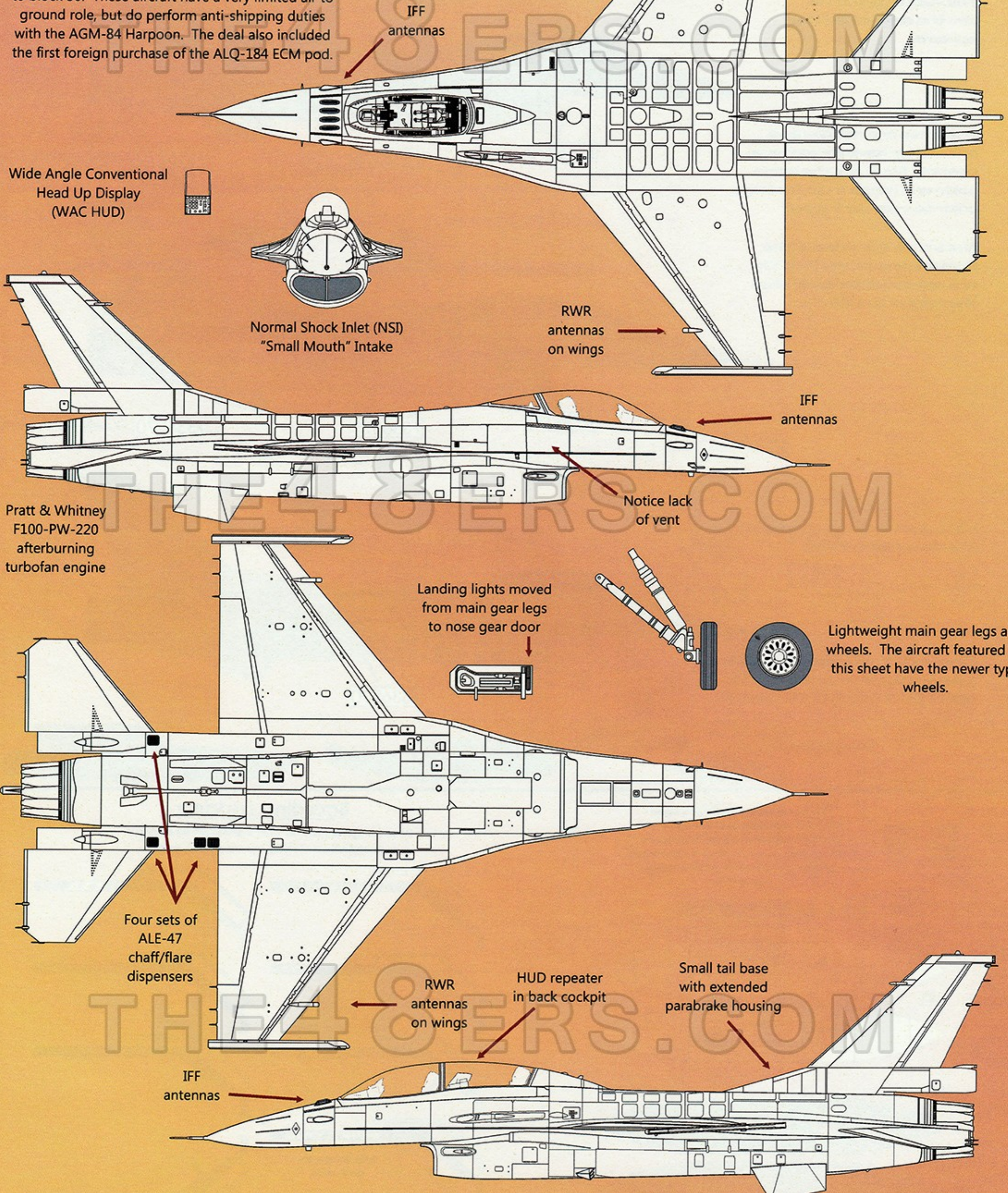
**Boarding Ladders**

Markings sized to the Hasegawa ladder but Eduard may be used as well



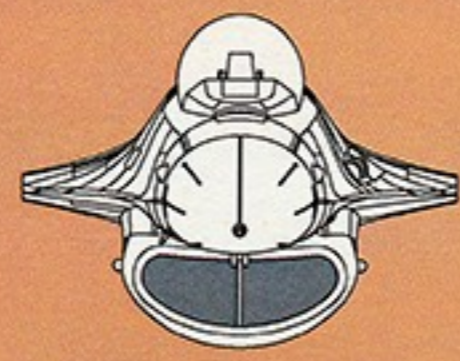
# F-16A/B Block 20

The Taiwanese F-16A/Bs were ordered in 1992, years after production had switched from A/Bs to C/Ds. These aircraft are similar to block 15 OCU's built to MLU standards. The block 20's have a cockpit similar to block 50. These aircraft have a very limited air to ground role, but do perform anti-shipping duties with the AGM-84 Harpoon. The deal also included the first foreign purchase of the ALQ-184 ECM pod.



IFF antennas

Wide Angle Conventional Head Up Display (WAC HUD)



Normal Shock Inlet (NSI) "Small Mouth" Intake

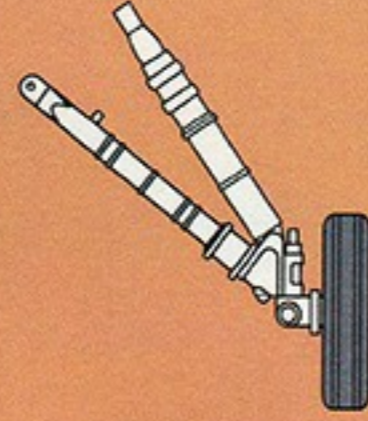
RWR antennas on wings

IFF antennas

Notice lack of vent

Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 afterburning turbofan engine

Landing lights moved from main gear legs to nose gear door



Lightweight main gear legs and wheels. The aircraft featured on this sheet have the newer type wheels.

Four sets of ALE-47 chaff/flare dispensers

RWR antennas on wings

HUD repeater in back cockpit

Small tail base with extended parabrake housing

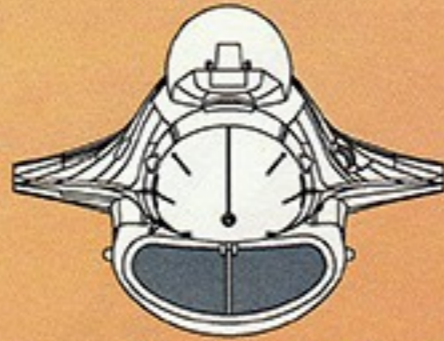
IFF antennas

# F-16C/D Block 25

Entering service in 1984, the block 25 was the first C/D block. It added all-weather capability with beyond-visual-range (BVR) air-to-air missiles. It also introduced a substantial improvement in cockpit avionics, and improved AN/APG-68 radar.

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Wide Angle Conventional Head Up Display (WAC HUD)



Normal Shock Inlet (NSI)  
"Small Mouth" Intake

Fuselage & wing strengthening plates

Fuselage strengthening plates (both sides) on C models only

Notice lack of vent

Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 afterburning turbofan engine

Landing lights located on main gear legs

Lightweight main gear legs and wheels. The aircraft featured on this sheet have the newer type wheels.

Two sets of ALE-47 chaff/flare dispensers

RWR antennas on wings

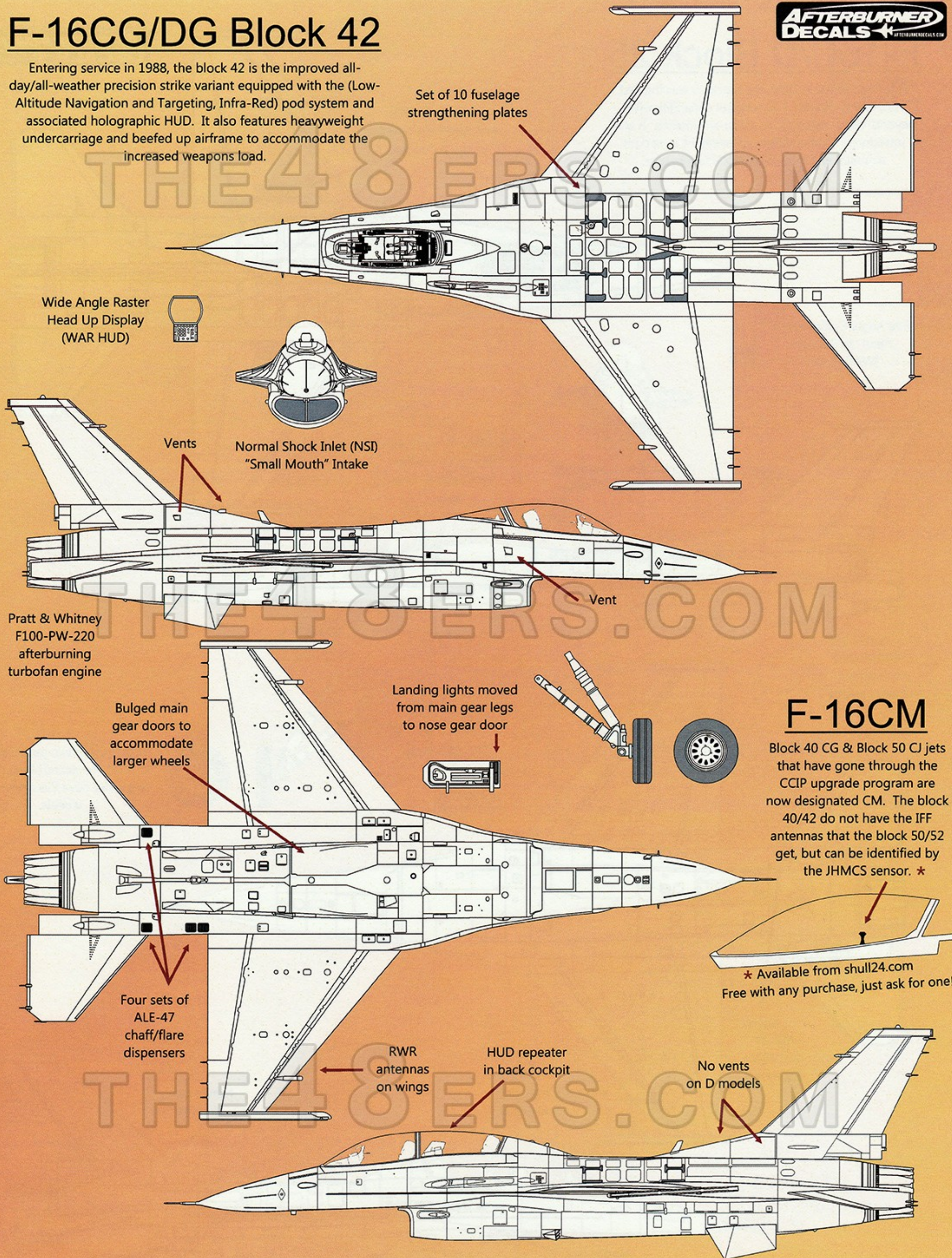
Notice lack of vents

Notice lack of vent

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# F-16CG/DG Block 42

Entering service in 1988, the block 42 is the improved all-day/all-weather precision strike variant equipped with the (Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting, Infra-Red) pod system and associated holographic HUD. It also features heavyweight undercarriage and beefed up airframe to accommodate the increased weapons load.



## F-16CM

Block 40 CG & Block 50 CJ jets that have gone through the CCIP upgrade program are now designated CM. The block 40/42 do not have the IFF antennas that the block 50/52 get, but can be identified by the JHMCS sensor. \*

\* Available from [shull24.com](http://shull24.com)  
Free with any purchase, just ask for one!

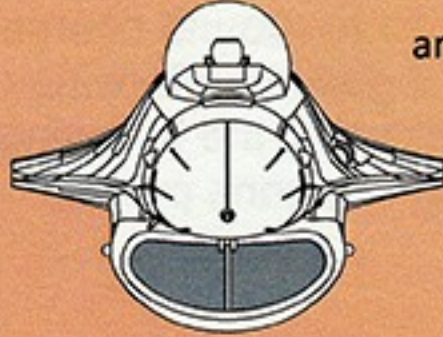
# F-16C/D Block 52+

The Block 52+ is powered by the P&W F100-PW-229 turbofan, and includes all the latest updates, such as the APG-68(v)9 radar, APX-113 IFF system, Helmet-Mounted Cueing System (HCMS), and other internal systems. The block 52+ has added provisions for the 600 gal drop tanks, Conformal Fuel Tanks (CFT), and the ability to use GPS guided weapons such as JDAM, JSOW, and WCMDs. The D model is equipped with a dorsal spine which houses electronics and chaff/flare dispensers.

Wide Angle Conventional Head Up Display (WAC HUD)



IFF antennas



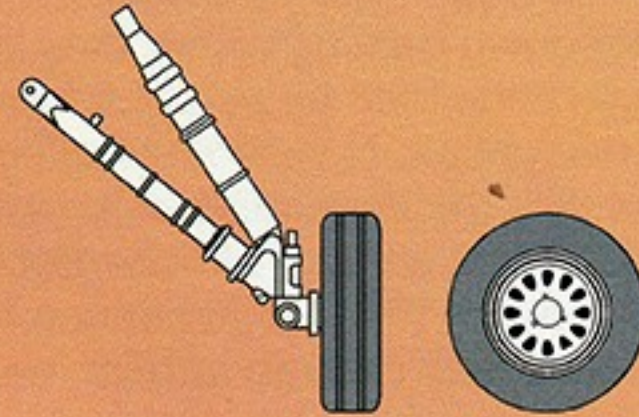
Normal Shock Inlet (NSI)  
"Small Mouth" Intake

IFF antennas

Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-229 afterburning turbofan engine

Bulged main gear doors to accommodate larger wheels

Landing lights moved from main gear legs to nose gear door



The P&W 229 nozzle has carbon fiber petals, which we have decals for in our sheet #48016, F-16 Data & Stencils *REDUX*

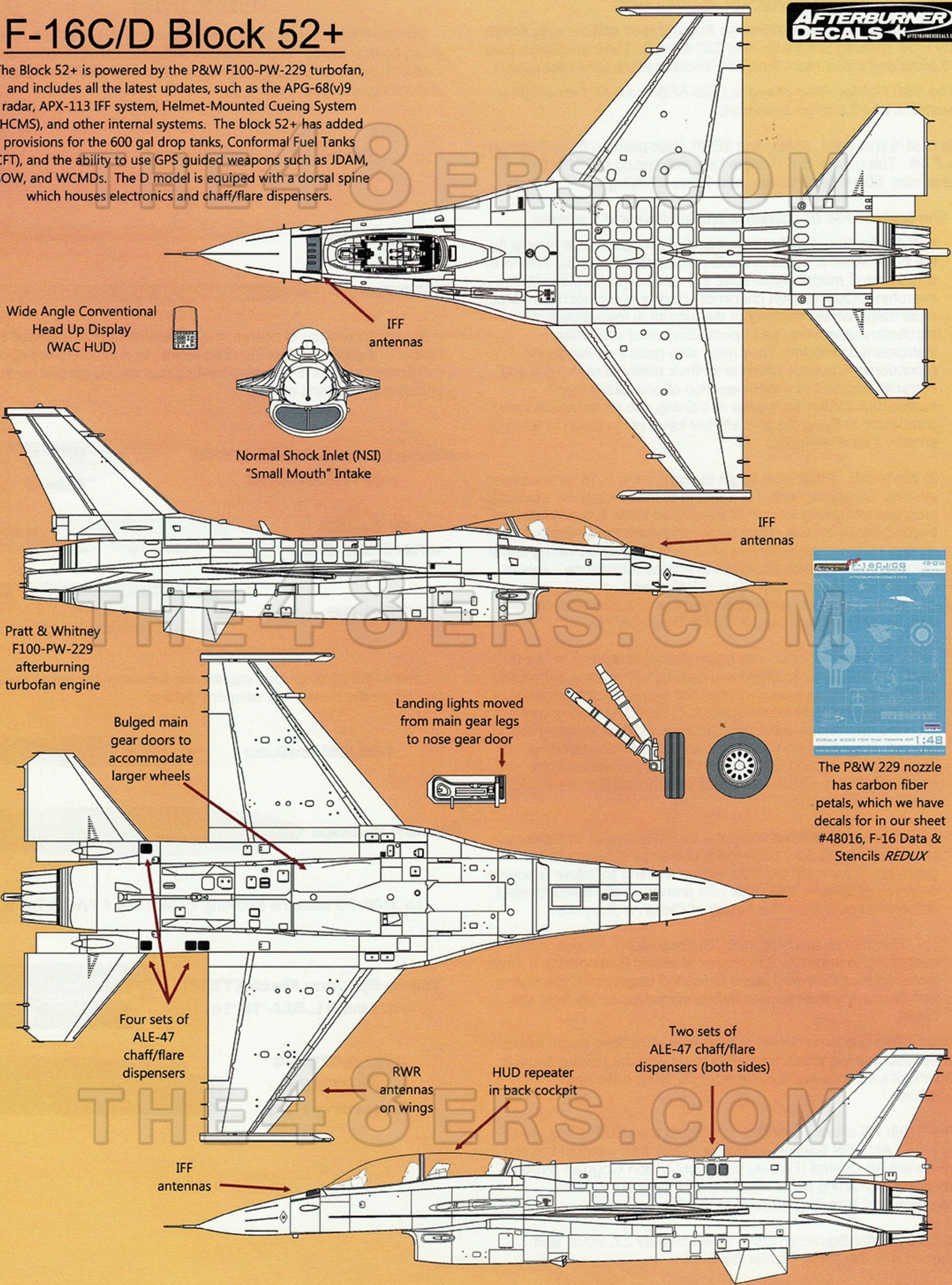
Four sets of ALE-47 chaff/flare dispensers

Two sets of ALE-47 chaff/flare dispensers (both sides)

RWR antennas on wings

HUD repeater in back cockpit

IFF antennas



Pilot Training at Luke AFB

Luke AFB is one of the largest Air Force Bases and the only Active Duty F-16 Training Base with over 200 aircraft. Luke graduates over 400 pilots and trains more than 700 aircraft technicians ever year.

The 56th Fighter Wing based at Luke AFB has 6 Air Force fighter squadrons and 2 foreign squadrons.

The 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 308th, and 309th, train pilots to fly and fight in the F-16. The course is 6 months long, consisting of 265hrs. of academics, 55hrs. of simulator, and 80hrs. of flying.

The basic course (B-course) is broken down into 3 phases:

1) **F-16 Basics.** For 6 weeks the student pilots learn how to fly the F-16. After 5 flights in the D model, pilots are now able to fly solo in the C model. After solo, the next major hurdle is the Instrument/Qualification checkride, during which each candidate must demonstrate mastery of the aircraft in formation flight, acrobatic maneuvers, and operations under simulated instrument conditions. They must also pass an emergency procedures simulator which tests their ability to recognize and correctly respond to a cross-section of potential aircraft malfunctions. After six weeks of training, the students are now competent at flying the aircraft--but have yet to begin to learn to employ it as a weapon.

2) **Air-to-Air.** Pilots now begin to employ the F-16 as a weapon system. Beginning with 1 v. 1 visual maneuvering, the students progress to fighting as part of a two-ship team in the visual and beyond-visual arenas. They learn to operate the aircraft's fire control systems correctly and skillfully while maneuvering under heavy g-loading while maintaining briefed formations. This is also the first time student pilots refuel in air.

At the completion of the air-to-air phase, the students are over halfway through the six-month Basic Course.

3) **Air to Ground.** Students begin their introduction to "air-to-mud" with low altitude stepdown training where they learn to fly at 500 feet, first as a single ship, then as part of a formation. They juggle low altitude navigation, formation-keeping, and systems operations tasks with the imperative of avoiding the ground. They then practice basic surface attack--dropping unguided bombs and firing the F-16's 20mm cannon from medium and low altitude at clearly marked targets, on a sanitized firing range.

After being cleared solo, and as the students' proficiency increases, the attacks grow more challenging, laying the groundwork for more realistic tactical training to follow. Students drop live munitions, and work with ground or air-based forward air controllers to learn the basics of Close Air Support.

The final phase of training, Surface Attack Tactics, pulls everything together. In this phase, students fly as part of a large force, fighting their way into a defended target area, identifying and destroying their targets before egressing safely from the threat.

When pilots graduate depart to their new units, they begin mission qualification training which acquaints them with the unique aspects of their unit's mission and theater-specific flying rules and regulations.

The 310th FS offers advanced training as the USAF's first, and only F-16 LANTIRN training squadron. They also conduct training for Forward Air Control (FAC-A) and Night Vision Goggles (NVGs). They are now training pilots with MATIRN (Medium Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night).

The 63rd Fighter Squadron stood down on May 22, 2009, and realigned with the 310th Fighter Squadron.

Weapon Notes

For the first two phases of training, the jets are kept in a relatively clean configuration. The centerline 300 gallon tank is used, and the following sidewinder type ordnance are carried on the wingtip and/or underwing missile pylons:

**CATM-9**



**AMA Pod**



**ACMI Pod**



For the air to ground course, the centerline tank is replaced by the typical 370 gallon underwing drop tanks. In addition to the above mentioned pods, the following training rounds are carried on the underwing weapons pylons:

**Triple Ejector Rack (TER)  
with BDU-33s**



**SUU-20  
with BDU-33s**

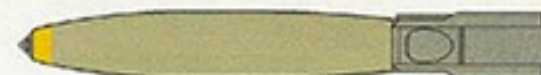


**CATM-65**



Later in the air to ground course, the following live weapons are carried on the underwing weapons pylons:

**Mk.82 Ballute**

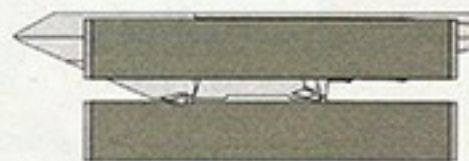


**Mk.84 Ballute**



The 310th FS uses the following for MATIRN & FAC-A Training:

**Triple Ejector Rack (TER)  
with two LAU-131s**

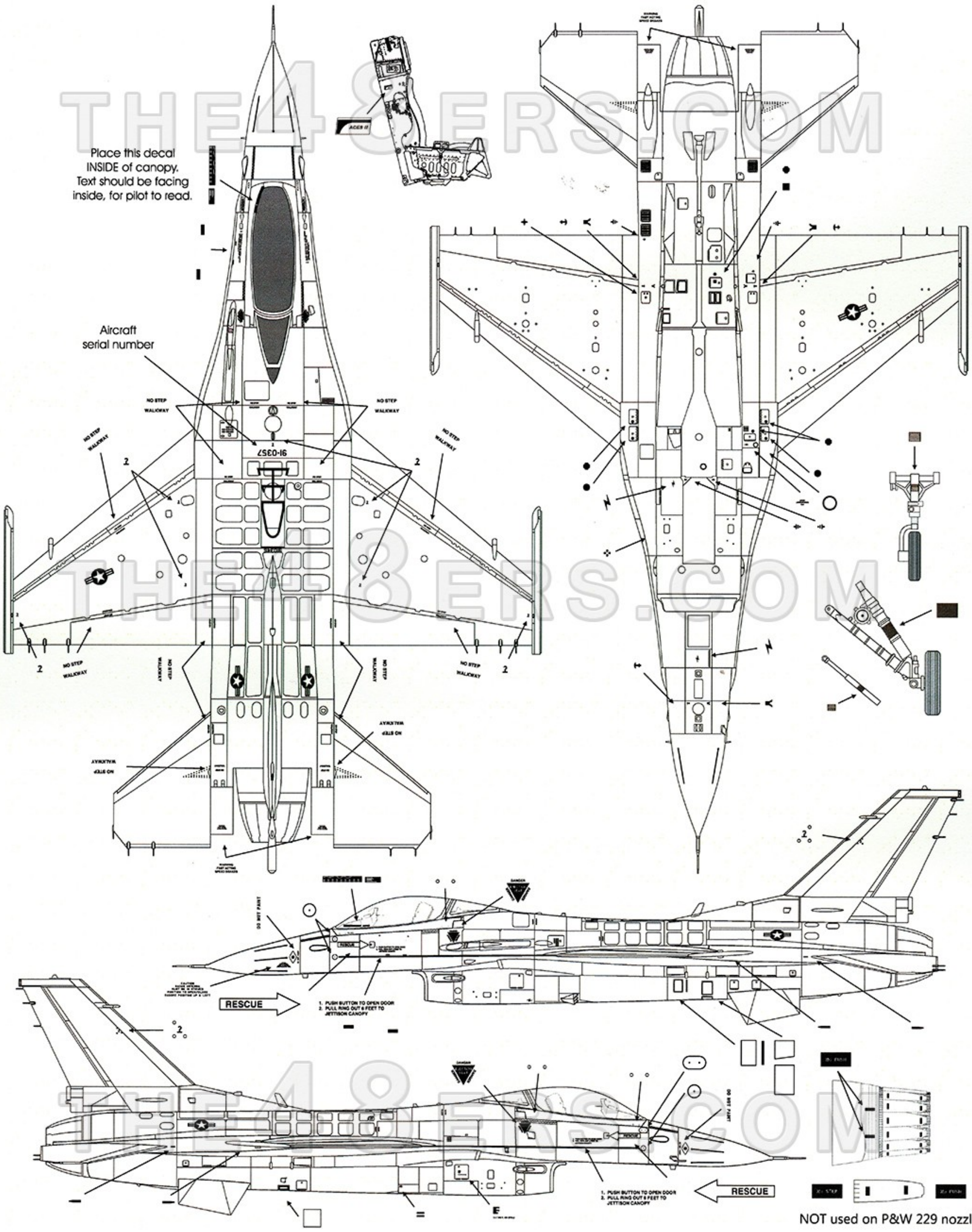


**AN/AAQ-14  
LANTIRN  
Targeting Pod**





Place this decal  
INSIDE of canopy.  
Text should be facing  
inside, for pilot to read.



NOT used on P&W 229 nozzle