

Jackie E. Crouch

F-105 History

11-Jun-68

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The twentieth F-105 RTU Class 68JR graduated at the 23 TFW, McConnell AFB KS. The class started on 16 January 1968 with 30 students. Twenty six graduated -- 2 Lt Cols, 8 Maj's, 11 Capt's and 5 Lts.

The class deployed for conventional weapons delivery training to George AFB CA between 14 - 29 May 1968 with the 560 TFS. The squadron commander was Lt Col Robert L. Fair.

The student pilots were:

Lt Col Earl F. Bancroft	Capt Adolph M. Guidi
Lt Col James H. Broussard	Capt Jerry W. Hoyt
Maj Charles Richard "Dick" Brownlee	Capt Brian D. Mauden
Maj Vincent Colasuonno	Capt Larry B. "Tex" McBride
Maj Altman Doty	Capt Leonard A. Morgan
Maj Donald L. "Buns" Fraizer	Capt Chester H. Thatcher, Jr.
Maj John E. Perkins	Capt Richard E. Tracey
Maj David L. Perry	Capt Ronald M. Walker
Maj John N. Sexton	Capt Leland B. "Les" Ransom III
Maj Grant V. Swinford	1Lt Omar R. Wiseman
Capt John Martin Brucher	2Lt Robert Clifton Edmunds, Jr.
Capt Jackie E. Crouch	2Lt Gary M Goebel
Capt Arthur G. Dunston IV	2 Lt Terry E. Paasch

Maj Charles R. Brownlee was the Outstanding Graduate.

Four of the class's pilots received further training in Commando Nail radar bombing when they were joined by navigator/bombardiers. They were assigned in September 1968 to the 44 TFS at Korat as the first F-105F crews trained only for Commando Nail missions. The pilots were:

Capt John M. Brucher
Capt Larry B. McBride
Capt Leonard A. Morgan
Maj Grant V. Swinford

Within eight months of graduating, six of the class' 26 pilots were shot down in Vietnam. Four of them died, including Maj Brownlee killed on 24 Dec 68.

Two students later received awards for airmanship. Maj John E. Perkins, then assigned to the 333 TFS, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, was named TAC Pilot of Distinction for December 1968 for successfully coping with an in-flight emergency during his training at McConnell. Also in December 1968, 1Lt Terry E. Paasch, assigned to the 354 TFS, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand received the PACAF Able Aeronaut Award for successfully recovering an F-105 after a malfunction caused loss of throttle control while en route to an air strike over North Vietnam.

23 TFW History, Jan - Jun 68, USAF microfilm MO554 & 355 TFW History, Oct - Dec 68, microfilm NO465.

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The 388 TFW history listed the aircrews assigned to the 34 TFS and the number of sorties each had flown as of the end of August 1968.

34 TFS	Sorties	Counters
Lt Col Klingensmith	59	43
Maj Langford	91	86

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Capt Barr	84	67
Capt Sechler	105	87
Capt Murphy	107	97
Lt Col Christensen	118	105
Maj Roysdon	109	89
Capt J. Hartman	116	94
Col Douglas	47	43
Capt Durnbaugh	65	56
Maj Goodrich	115	97
Maj Matthews	75	61
Capt William A. Thomas, Jr.	109	104
Capt Ahrens	79	59
Lt Col Dye	114	101
Capt Germann	97	86
Capt Thatcher	34	29
Maj Shunney	107	95
Capt Brooks	80	66
Capt Bogemann	115	97
Capt Fuhrman	118	99
Lt Col Shaver	80	66
1Lt Confer	33	28
Capt Pharmed	114	99 (Had flown 100 missions by the end of Aug)
Capt Durkee	111	99 (Had flown 100 missions by the end of Aug)
Capt Everett	69	56
Lt Col Ross	122	108
Col Stewart	118	110
Capt Bell	70	57
Maj White	75	58
1Lt Venturi	36	29
1Lt Hoffmeyer	38	33
Capt Ducton	31	27
Capt Crouch	32	27
Lt Col Bancroft	20	16
Maj Colasuonno	33	29
1Lt Stafford	34	31
1Lt D. Hartman	33	27
Lt Col Glass	6	6
Maj Holly	4	3
Maj Knapp	8	5

388 TFW History, July - Sep 68, USAF microfilm NO585, frames 0250 - 0251.

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Maj Leonard D. Reed was a Wild Weasel pilot in the 333 TFS at Takhli. He was shown in the June 1969 squadron photo.

Also in the photo was Capt Jackie E. Crouch from the 333 TFS.

Names of people identified on the late Robert King's Wild Weasel Web site at www.wildweasel.net/

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Capt Jackie E. Crouch flew the F-105 for the last time. Since his first flight on 1 May 1969, he had accumulated 720.4 hours.

F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.