

Phillip A. Goodwin

F-105 History

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The third F-105 RTU Class 67AR graduated at McConnell AFB KS. The class started on 11 Apr 66 with 12 pilots previously assigned to Air Defense Command as pilots of F-101s and F-102s. The class was named "The Lo-Speed Yo-Yos" and consisted of 1 Maj, 10 Cpts and 1 1Lt. On 2 Jun 66,

Capt Daniel F. Reardon was the first 23 TFW RTU student fatality when he crashed in F-105D 60-0439 during a training mission.

The class deployed 12 F-105s with the 563 TFS to George AFB CA between 18 Jul - 7 Aug 66 for conventional weapons delivery training. This was the last RTU class for the 563 TFS before it was temporarily "unequipped" on 15 Aug 66 due to shortages of aircraft and pilots. The squadron commander was Maj Everett W. Harris. The 11 pilots graduating from the class were:

Maj Jim R. Fuller	Capt Phillip A. Goodwin	1Lt R. C. Thornley
Capt Clifton Emmet Cushman	Capt Martin L. Mooreberg	
Capt Dennis Kevin Duff	Capt Donald J. Quigley	
Capt Alan J. Fick	Capt Frank P. Reamer, Jr.	
Capt Coy W. Gammage	Capt Donald Glenn Waltman	

Capt Cushman had been "... a member of KU's [Kansas University's] 1959 NCAA outdoor national championship team and captain of a great 1960 crew. As a high schooler in Grand Forks, N.D., he won state titles in the long jump, high hurdles and mile. At KU, he was a fine cross-country runner as well as a world-class 400-meter hurdler. At the 1960 Kansas Relays, Cushman was voted the meet's top performer after he won the 400-meter hurdles in :51.2; ran a 1:53.8 half-mile leg on the winning KU two-mile relay team; led off the winning sprint medley relay team with a :48.5 quarter-mile; then anchored the second-place KU mile relay team with a :48.5 quarter. In 1960, Clif Cushman won an Olympic silver medal at Rome in the metric hurdles and dedicated himself to taking gold in 1964 at Tokyo. ... But the '64 U.S. team trials saw the favored Cushman trip over a hurdle in the finals and fail to make the team." (KUSports.com, article)

After his graduation from F-105 training, Cushman was assigned to the 469 TFS, 388 TFW, at Korat RTAFB, Thailand.

23 TFW History, Jul - Dec 66, USAF microfilm MO554 & KUSports.com, article September 21, 2006, "Game-day flyover would be fitting tribute to Cushman", by Bill Mayer, posted at http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2000/aug/26/cushman_dare_letter/.

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Four pilots assigned to the 34 TFS at Korat completed flying 100 missions during February 1967. They were:

Capt Phillip A. Goodwin
Capt John T. Stadler on TDY to the 34th from the 67 TFS at Kadena.
Capt David E. Weaver
1Lt Gary G. Catren

This was the last time Capt Goodwin flew the F-105. He had accumulated 340 hours in the airplane.

This was also the last time Capt Weaver flew the F-105. He had accumulated 651.5 hours in the airplane.

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Lieutenant Cartren flew his 100th mission as #2 in a two-ship flight led by Lt Col Richard M. "Dick" Heyman, Jr., the 34th squadron commander. He flew the mission "... somewhere toward the first of the month as I was able to get home and married by the 26th of Feb 66. ... We were working in Laos and I begged a weather recce into Pac 1 so I could finish. We got shot at, we shot back and I took a 37/85 (?) mm through one of the fins of my left wing tank while I was inverted pulling into the dive. Without that lucky shot, I would have finished 100 still cherry."

His 100th mission was the last time 1Lt Catren flew the F-105. In six months of training at Nellis and six months of combat, he had accumulated 374.1 hours in the airplane. "That was the end of my relationship, but not my love affair, with the Thud." His subsequent assignments were:

Mar 67 - July 67 - McChord - Base Ops - T-33 - (TDY Randolph - IPIS - T-39 - May 67)
Aug 67 - Sep 67 - Tyndall - F-106 conversion
Sep 67 - Jul 68 - Paine Field - 498th FIS - F-106
Jul 68 - Jan 70 - F-106 - Hamilton - 84th FIS
Jan 70 - July 73 - RAF Exchange Program - RAF Coltishall - British Electric Lightning conversion/intercept instructor
Sep 73 - Dec 74 - Clark - Nuclear Release Officer (T-33)
Jan 75 - Mar 75 - TDY Tyndall F-106 Requal
Mar 75 - Jul 77 - McChord - 318th FIS - F-106
Aug 77 - Jun 78 - Newport News - Navy Staff College
July 78 - Jun 81 - Vicenza, Italy - 5 ATAF Conventional Attack Officer
Jun 81 - Jan 84 - Davis Monthan - AGS Squadron Commander
Jan 84 - Jul 85 - Langley - TAC Hq - ADTAC IG Aircraft Maintenance
Jul 85 - Jul 86 - Langley - TAC Hq - Asst. DCM Fighter Maintenance
Aug 86 - Jul 89 - RAF Alconbury - DCM (RF-4, A-10, Aggressor Sq)
Jul 89 - Dec 90 - Bergstrom - 12th AF HQ - Asst. DCM

He retired as a colonel in December 1990.

34 TFS web site on 2 April 2007 at <http://s88204154.onlinehome.us.34tfs/scarf.htm> & F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma & Gary Catren, e-mails 1 & 2 Apr 11.

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"Certificates citing the completion of 100 missions in the F-105 were recently awarded at Eglin AFB in Florida" Twenty-three pilots received their 100 mission certificates from Republic Aviation. One of the pilots was Maj Phillip A. Goodwin, who flew his 100 missions with the 34 TFS.

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