

# Donald B. Zimmerman

## F-105 History

**30-Jun-64**

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By mid-year 1964, the 8 TFS, 49 TFW, at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, had seven key officers and 22 line pilots. (Those marked with an asterisk had arrived in the squadron since 1 January 1964.)

Lt Col Robert A. "Red" Evans - Commander  
Capt Maurice E. Seaver, Jr. - Operations Officer  
Capt James E. Westom - Weapons Officer  
Capt John W. Wiechert, Jr. - "A" Flight Commander  
Capt Samuel H. Martin III - "B" Flight Commander  
Capt Anton J. Micksch \* - "C" Flight Commander  
Capt J. D. Tindall - "D" Flight Commander

The squadron's 22 pilots ("Bomb Commanders") were:

Capt John E. Mount	1Lt Frederick R. Greenwood
Capt James S. Walbridge	Capt Richard E. Wendell
Capt Glen D. Lerum	Capt Donald R. Yates
Capt Ralph R. Schneider	Capt Jerrold N. Tamm
Capt Donald B. Zimmerman *	Capt Lawrence C. Curtis, Jr.
1Lt Joseph P. Shouse	1Lt Carl G. Decker
Capt Russell A. Starkman *	Capt Sterling H. Wood
Capt George A. Wood, Jr.	Capt David H. Duart *
Capt Gary G. Ray	Capt Roger G. Huggins
Capt Russell S. Wasser	Capt Wayne A. Kromi
Capt Robert S. Deas *	1Lt Lawrence D. Cobb II *

Three officers from the squadron received reassignment orders in the past six months:

Maj Jack G. Farr  
Capt Walter H. Jones  
1Lt Ronald C. Gould

*49 TFW history, 1 Jan - 30 June 1964, AFHRA call # K-WG-49-HI, IRIS # 450714 & Sam Deas, e-mail 13 July 2011..*

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Officers assigned to the 8 TFS, 49 TFW, at the end of 1964 were:

Lt Col James M. Morris # - Squadron Commander  
Maj Walter S. Bruce # - Operations Officer  
Maj Raymond F. Kingston # - Assistant Operations Officer  
Capt Maurice E. Seaver, Jr. - Assistant Operations Officer  
Capt James S. Walbridge - Fighter Weapons Officer

The squadron had 26 line pilots. Those names marked with a pound sign (#) arrived in the squadron between 1 July - 31 Dec 1964. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) became "Select Crews" during the past six months.

"A" Flight Pilots	"B" Flight Pilots
Capt Donald B. Zimmerman - Commander	Capt John W. Wiechert, Jr. - Commander
Capt J. D. Tindall *	Capt John E. Mount *
Capt Sterling H. Wood	Capt Roger G. Huggins *
Capt Larry D. Wiggins #	Capt Glen D. Lerum *

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Capt David H. Duart  
 Capt Edward J. Haerter #

1Lt Joseph P. Shouse \*  
 1Lt Lawrence D. Cobb II

"C" Flight Pilots  
 Capt Samuel H. Martin III - Commander  
 Capt Paul F. Koeltzow #  
 Capt Richard E. Wendell  
 Capt Robert M. Thompson #  
 Capt Russell A. Starkman \*  
 Capt George A. Wood, Jr.  
 Capt Frederick R. Greenwood

"D" Flight Pilots  
 Capt Anton J. Micksch - Commander  
 Capt Robert J. Beck #  
 Capt Donald R. Yates  
 Capt Robert S. Deas  
 Capt Jack L. Spearman #  
 Capt Jerrold N. Tamm  
 1Lt Carl G. Decker \*

Six squadron pilots were reassigned during the past 6 months:

Lt Col Robert A. Evans  
 Capt James E. Westom  
 Capt Russell S. Wasser

Capt Lawrence C. Curtis, Jr.  
 Capt Ralph R. Schneider  
 Capt Gary G. Ray

Capt Wayne A. Kromi was killed in an F-105 accident on 10 December 1964.

*49 TFW history, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1964, AFHRA call # K-WG-49-HI, IRIS # 2-8541-3.*

### 06-Dec-67

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The 34 TFS, 388 TFW, at Korat RTAFB, Thailand, published additional duties assigned to squadron officers. Squadron commander, Lt Col Robert W. Smith, signed Special Order 67 dated 6 December 1967.

Name	Additional Duty
Maj James E. Daniel, Jr.	Operations Officer
Maj Almer L. Barner	Executive Officer
Maj Clyde L. Falls	Navigation and Plans Officer
Maj William M. Blakeslee	Awards and Decorations Officer
Maj Donald W. Hodge	Flight Manuals Control Officer
	PIF Control Officer
Maj Donald B. Zimmerman	Mobility Officer
	Training Officer
Capt Douglas A. Beyer	Asst Awards and Decorations Officer
Capt Hugh W. Davis	Safety Officer
Capt Robert M. Elliot	Personal Equipment Officer
Capt Vernon D. Ellis	Squadron Fund and Recreational Officer
Capt Lawrence R. Klinestiver	Wing Life Support Officer
Capt Irving E. LeVine	Athletic Officer
	Fire Marshal
	Security Officer
	Voting Officer
	Vehicle Control Officer
	Asst Wing Life Support Officer
Maj James L. Taylor	Administrative Officer
Maj David D. Igelman	Bomb Damage Assessment Officer
Capt Sam P. Morgan	Standardization Officer
	Weapons and Gunnery Officer
Capt Jacob Shuler	Unit Historian
	Information Officer

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1Lt John T. Latz	Asst Squadron Fund and Rec Officer Training Officer Retention Officer FOD Officer
1Lt Philip J. Parisi	Disaster Control Officer Explosive Safety Officer Ground Safety Officer Mission Safety 70 Officer Zero Defect Project Officer Unit Fund Council Custodian

*34 TFS SO 67 dated 6 Dec 67 provided by Jake Shuler, e-mail 23 Apr 12.*

**01-Jun-68**

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Maj Donald B. Zimmerman from the 34 TFS flew the F-105 for the last time. Since his first flight on 1 March 1964, he had accumulated 540.6 hours flying the Thunderchief.

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