



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 107th Fighter Squadron

Flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the 107th Fighter Squadron is one of the oldest flying units in the U.S. Air Force. Known as "The Red Devils," the squadron has served on multiple deployments in recent years, including launching aircraft to defend sovereign U.S. airspace on Sept. 11, 2001.

The 107th Fighter Squadron is a component of the 127th Operations Group of the 127th Wing and is a part of the Michigan Air National Guard. The unit is based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and is comprised of approximately 28 pilots and 45 support personnel. The 107th FS is closely supported by the 127th Maintenance Group which maintains the A-10 aircraft assigned to Selfridge.



History

The 107th was first organized as the 107th Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, Texas, on 27 Aug. 1917 in response to the U.S. entry into World War I earlier that year. The unit was demobilized and disbanded in March 1919, following the conclusion of the war. In 1925, a squadron of 20 officers and 90 enlisted men began meeting weekly in a Detroit garage and created the Michigan National Guard's first flying unit. On 7 May 1926, the unit received federal recognition and was designated the 107th Observation Squadron. Through more than 20 major aircraft and related name changes, the unit has been in operation as the 107th ever since. After more than 40 years of operations at Detroit-Metropolitan Airport, the unit has been assigned to Selfridge since 1971. It was designated as the 107th Fighter Squadron on 15 March 1992 and began flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II on 2 May 2009.

Major Deployments

- 1940-1946: Activated for World War II. Assignments included: Anti-submarine patrols along U.S. East Coast; tactical reconnaissance in the European Theater. Primary aircraft included P-51 and F-6.
- 1951-52: Mobilized to Luke AFB in Arizona as part of a pilot training wing during the Korean War. Primary aircraft: F-84.
- 1997 to Kuwait for Operation Sothern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 1999 to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2001 to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation Southern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- Spring 2003 to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch -- which marked the first time since World War II the unit dropped weapons (over Iraq). Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2004 for Operation Iraqi Freedom as the first USAF F-16 unit based in Iraq, at Kirkuk Air Base (the unit participated in the Battle for Fallujah). Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2007 for Operation Iraqi Freedom based at Balad Air Base. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2011-12 to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Primary aircraft: A-10.