

# John H. Wambough, Jr.

## F-105 History

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22-Dec-67

4358

The last F-105 training class 68-C conducted by the 4520 CCTW at Nellis AFB, Nevada, graduated 18 pilots in course number 111506A. The class, assigned to the 4523 CCTS, the "Hornets", started in July 1967.

The students and their SEA assignments were:

Maj James Hardin Metz (Class Leader) - 34 TFS  
Capt Donnie M. Tribble - 333 TFS  
Capt Harold E. Murk - 44 TFS  
Capt John S. Murphy - 34 TFS  
Capt John H. Wambough, Jr. - 34 TFS  
Capt Joseph S. Sechler - 34 TFS  
Capt Anthony F. Germann - 34 TFS  
Capt Lawrence L. Bogemann - 34 TFS  
Capt William P. Shunney - 34 TFS  
Maj William S. Pachura - 357 TFS  
Capt Thomas T. Hensley - 469 TFS  
Capt Kenneth D. "Don" Harten - 354 TFS  
Capt Olin K. Everett - 34 TFS  
Capt Charles E. Metzger - 469 TFS  
Maj Donald J. Sisk - 469 TFS  
Capt John E. Hartman - 34 TFS  
Capt Mark B. Foxwell - 357 TFS  
Capt Robert J. Casey - 333 TFS

Joe Sechler described how he got into the F-105 program. "Following a mediocre academic & military performance in UPT, I was assigned to B-52s at Seymour Johnson. In 1967, I was on a Stan/Eval crew and checking out in the left seat, having the greatest fear that if I became an AC, I'd be stuck for life in SAC. Thank God, a buddy of mine knocked on my door one day in May of 1967 with a message from the squadron saying I was to report for F-105 training. (My buddy was later killed flying a B-58.) My wife cried and I jumped for joy. Despite my assignment to SAC, I truly believe I was destined to be a fighter pilot and especially a THUD pilot ... I was the only co-pilot from my wing (B-52 & KC-135) - who I know of - to be sent to F-105s." (Joe Sechler, e-mail 28 April 2010.)

"This [F-105 training] program has since been transferred to McConnell AFB, Kansas. More than 400 'top gun' pilots were trained here at Nellis in the 23rd squadron." The transfer was to allow Nellis to begin training for the F-111A.

The commander of the 4523 CCTS during the period of July to December 1967 was Lt Col Henry L. Parker and the Operations Officer was Maj Robert E. Green. "The two flight leaders of 'A' flight were Maj Julius Calloway and Maj Edward M. Dobson, and for 'B' flight during the same period was Maj Richard P. Cisco and Maj Doyal L. Wyrick."

During the last six months of F-105 training the squadron flew the following hours and sorties:

	Hours	Sorties
July	634:45	474
August	577:10	489
September	686:10	555
October	648:45	394
November	298:15	213

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The 4524 CCTS was also involved in F-105 training at Nellis. This squadron "provided academic and flying support of the F-105 operational training courses and Military Assistance Program. They provided facilities and personnel to operate and assist instructor pilots in operation of training devices as necessary to accomplish the pilot training program. This included all training of student F-105 pilots in the proper use of the R-14A and the APN-131 Doppler Radars in the T-39B aircraft."

Capt Henry R. Hutson III was an Instructor pilot in the 4523 CCTS. "Maj Dean Elmer [Maj Dean A. Elmer] and I flew the last two F-105s of the 4520 CCTW to McConnell AFB, KS. That was the end of the THUD training program at Nellis."

*History of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, 1 July - 1 December 1967 & 15 Apr 86 letter from Col Henry R. Hutson III to Bauke Jan Douma & John Murphy, e-mail 5 May 2011 with class roster and photo.*

### 04-Oct-68

4183

F-105D 62-4264 received minor combat damage from automatic weapons while assigned to the 388 TFW, Korat RTAFB, Thailand. Panel F88 received a 1" hole, rib station 990.90 received a 1" hole, a bulkhead received a 2" hole, and the emergency accumulator was dented and had to be replaced. The pilot was Capt John H. Wambough, Jr. from the 34 TFS. It took 11 maintenance hours to repair the damage.

*388 TFW History, Oct - Dec 68, USAF microfilm NO585, frame 1178.*

### 23-Nov-68

3675

The 44 TFS flew a four-plane strike mission into Laos. The members of "Detroit" flight, all flying F-105Ds, were:

- 1) Maj Alan L. "Bud" Young flying 59-1743.
- 2) Capt John H Wambough, Jr. flying 61-0153.
- 3) Lt Col Guy J. "Jack" Sherrill flying 60-0518 on his 6th non-counting combat mission.
- 4) Capt John W. "Jack" Redmond flying 62-4242.

Capt James V. Barr was the flight's spare. "Detroit" flight left Korat at 06:25 and refueled 20 minutes later at 12,000 feet from two tankers, "Cherry 20" and "Cherry 21", that were orbiting 42 NM along the 345-degree radial of TACAN channel 51. They reached their target area at 07:20 at coordinates 17-29-25N and 105-42-50E. They post-strike refueled from "Cherry 26" during their return to Korat.

*Mission Cards of Lt Col Guy J. "Jack" Sherrill.*