

478th TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

478th Fighter-Bomber Squadron
478th Tactical Fighter Squadron

STATIONS

Cannon AFB, NM, 8 Oct 1957-1 Nov 1966
Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1966-31 Oct 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-100D
F-4E

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Maj William B. Savage
LTC Sollers, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Sixteen Super Saber aircraft of Tactical Air Command's 478th Tactical Fighter Squadron touched down at Misawa following a series of flights which brought the F-100's here from their home station. Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

The 478th is the first two rotational squadrons that will begin replacing Misawa's 416th and 531st squadrons. The 523d TFS, also from Cannon AFB, is the other Cannon unit to rotate.

Lt Gen Maurice A. Preston, Fifth Air Force Commander, flew to Misawa to greet the incoming group. Also meeting the first aircraft was Col R. C. Crawford, Jr., Commander of Misawa's 39th Air Division.

The first airplane to land was piloted by Maj William B Savage the squadron Commander. With him in the two-place F-100F was Col John W Hayes from TAC headquarters. In the second aircraft arriving at Misawa was Col Niven K Cranfill, Commander of the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing.

Simultaneously, two C-135B aircraft brought 138 maintenance technicians and specialists to Misawa.

The F-100 flights began at Cannon, and included stops at Hickam AFB Hawaii, and Andersen AFB, Guam. They refueled in flight, using KC-135 tankers from Strategic Air Command The leg from Guam to Misawa took just under four hours.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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