

USA Almanac

Records and Trophies

Absolute Aviation World Records

The desirability of a standard procedure to certify air records was recognized early in the history of powered flight. In 1905, representatives of Belgium, Germany, the US, Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland met in Paris to form the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, the world body of national aeronautic sporting interests. The FAI today comprises the national aero clubs of 77 nations and certifies

national records as world records. Since 1922, the National Aeronautic Association, based in Arlington, Va., has been the US representative to the FAI. The NAA supervises all attempts at world and world-class records in the United States. Absolute world records are the supreme achievements of all the records open to flying machines.

Speed around the world, nonstop, nonrefueled: 115.65 mph (186.11 kph). Richard G. Rutan and Jeana L. Yeager in *Voyager* experimental aircraft at Edwards AFB, Calif., Dec. 14–23, 1986.

Great circle distance without landing: 24,986.727 miles (40,212.139 kilometers). Richard G. Rutan and Jeana L. Yeager in *Voyager* at Edwards AFB, Calif., Dec. 14–23, 1986.

Distance in a closed circuit without landing: 24,986.727 miles (40,212.139 kilometers). Richard G. Rutan and Jeana L. Yeager in *Voyager* at Edwards AFB, Calif., Dec. 14–23, 1986.

Altitude: 123,523.58 feet (37,650.00 meters). Alexander Fedotov flying E-266M, a modified MiG-25, at Podmoskovnoye, USSR, Aug. 31, 1977.

Altitude in an aircraft launched from a carrier airplane: 314,750.00 feet (95,935.99 meters). USAF Maj. Robert M.

White flying North American X-15 No. 3 at Edwards AFB, Calif., July 17, 1962.

Altitude in horizontal flight: 85,068.997 feet (25,929.031 meters). USAF Capt. Robert C. Helt (pilot) and USAF Maj. Larry A. Elliott (RSO) in Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird at Beale AFB, Calif., July 28, 1976.

Speed over a straight course: 2,193.16 mph (3,529.56 kph). USAF Capt. Eldon W. Joersz (pilot) and USAF Maj. George T. Morgan Jr. (RSO) in Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird at Beale AFB, Calif., July 28, 1976.

Speed over a closed circuit: 2,092.294 mph (3,367.221 kph). USAF Majs. Adolphus H. Bledsoe Jr. (pilot) and John T. Fuller (RSO) in Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird at Beale AFB, Calif., July 27, 1976.

The Robert J. Collier Trophy

This award, presented by the National Aeronautic Association, is the most prestigious in American aviation. It recognizes the "greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the

preceding year." The award is named for a prominent publisher, sportsman, and aviator. Collier, the first person to purchase a Wright airplane for personal use, commissioned the trophy and presented it to the Aero Club of America (the forerunner of the NAA) in 1911.

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| 1911 | Glenn H. Curtiss. Hydro-aeroplane. | 1927 | Charles L. Lawrance. Radial air-cooled engine. |
| 1912 | Glenn H. Curtiss. Flying boat. | 1928 | Commerce Dept., Aeronautics Branch. Airways, air navigation facilities. |
| 1913 | Orville Wright. Automatic stabilizer. | 1929 | National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Cowling for radial air-cooled engines. |
| 1914 | Elmer A. Sperry. Gyroscopic control. | 1930 | Harold Pitcairn and staff. Autogiro. |
| 1915 | W. Sterling Burgess. Burgess-Dunne hydro-aeroplane. | 1931 | Packard Motor Car Co. Diesel aircraft engine. |
| 1916 | Elmer A. Sperry. Drift indicator. | 1932 | Glenn L. Martin. Two-engined, high-speed, weight-carrying airplane. |
| 1917–20 | No award. | 1933 | Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., Frank W. Caldwell. Controllable-pitch propeller. |
| 1921 | Grover Loening. Aerial yacht. | 1934 | Maj. Albert F. Hegenberger. Blind-landing experiments. |
| 1922 | US Air Mail Service. One year without fatality. | 1935 | Donald Douglas and staff. DC-2. |
| 1923 | US Air Mail Service. Commercial night flying. | | |
| 1924 | US Army Air Service. First aerial flight around world. | | |
| 1925 | S. Albert Reed. Metal propeller. | | |
| 1926 | Maj. E.L. Hoffman. Practical parachute. | | |

The Robert J. Collier Trophy, continued

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| 1936 | Pan American Airways. Trans-Pacific and overwater operations. | 1969 | Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., Neil A. Armstrong, Col. Michael Collins. Apollo 11 moon landing. |
| 1937 | Army Air Corps. Design, flight test of XC-35 first pressurized cabin. | 1970 | Boeing with Pratt & Whitney and Pan Am. Commercial 747 service. |
| 1938 | Howard Hughes and crew. Around-the-world flight. | 1971 | Robert T. Gilruth, Col. James B. Irwin, Col. David R. Scott, Lt. Col. Alfred M. Worden. Apollo 15 mission. |
| 1939 | US airlines. Air travel safety record. | 1972 | Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USAF 7th and 8th Air Forces, Navy Task Force 77. Operation Linebacker II. |
| 1940 | Sanford Moss, Army Air Corps. Turbo-supercharger. | 1973 | Skylab Program, William C. Schneider, Skylab astronauts. Skylab operations. |
| 1941 | US Army Air Forces and US airlines. Pioneering worldwide operations. | 1974 | John F. Clark, NASA; Daniel J. Fink, GE; RCA; Hughes. Resource and environmental management in space technology; LANDSAT. |
| 1942 | Gen. H.H. Arnold. Leadership of US Army Air Forces. | 1975 | David S. Lewis, General Dynamics, USAF-industry team. F-16 aviation technologies. |
| 1943 | Capt. Luis De Florez (USNR). Synthetic training devices. | 1976 | USAF, Rockwell, B-1 industry team. B-1 bomber. |
| 1944 | Gen. Carl A. Spaatz. US air campaign against Germany. | 1977 | Gen. Robert J. Dixon; Tactical Air Command. Red Flag. |
| 1945 | Luis W. Alvarez. Ground-control approach radar landing system. | 1978 | Sam B. Williams, Williams Research Corp. Turbofan cruise missile engines. |
| 1946 | Lewis A. Rodert. Thermal ice-prevention system. | 1979 | Paul B. MacCready, AeroEnvironment, Inc., Bryan Allen. Gossamer Albatross. |
| 1947 | Lawrence D. Bell, John Stack, Capt. Charles E. Yeager. Supersonic flight. | 1980 | NASA's Voyager mission team, Edward Stone. Voyager flyby of Saturn. |
| 1948 | Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics. All-weather air traffic control system. | 1981 | NASA, Rockwell, Martin Marietta, Thiokol, government-industry shuttle team, and astronauts Capt. Robert L. Crippen (USN), Col. Joe H. Engle, Capt. Richard H. Truly (USN), John W. Young. First flights of <i>Columbia</i> , first shuttle. |
| 1949 | William P. Lear. F-5 automatic pilot, automatic approach control coupler system. | 1982 | T.A. Wilson, Boeing, supported by FAA, industry, airlines. 757 and 767 airliners. |
| 1950 | Helicopter industry, military services, Coast Guard. Rotary-wing aircraft in air rescue. | 1983 | US Army, Hughes Helicopters, industry team. AH-64A Apache helicopter. |
| 1951 | John Stack, associates at Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, NACA. Transonic wind tunnel throat. | 1984 | NASA, Martin Marietta, Walter W. Bollendronk, astronaut Capt. Bruce McCandless II (USN), Charles E. Whitsett Jr. Manned maneuvering units, satellite rescues. |
| 1952 | Leonard S. Hobbs. J57 jet engine. | 1985 | Russell W. Meyer, Cessna Aircraft, Cessna Citation business jets. Outstanding safety. |
| 1953 | James H. Kindelberger, Edward H. Heinemann. Supersonic airplanes (F-100, F4D). | 1986 | Jeana L. Yeager, Richard G. Rutan, Elbert L. Rutan, Bruce Evans, team of volunteers. <i>Voyager</i> flight. |
| 1954 | Richard Travis Whitcomb. Discovery, verification of area rule, yielding higher speed and greater range. | 1987 | NASA Lewis Research Center, NASA-industry team. Advanced turboprop propulsion concepts. |
| 1955 | William M. Allen, Boeing Airplane Co., Gen. Nathan F. Twining, US Air Force. B-52 bomber. | 1988 | Rear Adm. Richard H. Truly. Manned space recovery program. |
| 1956 | Charles J. McCarthy; Chance-Vought Aircraft; Vice Adm. James S. Russell; US Navy Bureau of Aeronautics. F8U Crusader. | 1989 | Ben R. Rich, Lockheed-USAF team. F-117A. |
| 1957 | Edward P. Curtis. "Aviation Facilities Planning" report. | 1990 | Bell-Boeing team. V-22 Osprey. |
| 1958 | USAF/Lockheed/GE F-104 team. F-104. Clarence L. Johnson, airframe design; Neil Burgess, Gerhard Neumann, J79 turbojet engines; Maj. Howard C. Johnson, landplane altitude record; Capt. Walter W. Irwin, straightaway speed record. | 1991 | Northrop-USAF industry team. B-2. |
| 1959 | USAF, General Dynamics-Conair, Space Technology Laboratories. Atlas ICBM. | 1992 | Global Positioning System team: USAF, US Naval Research Lab, Aerospace Corp., Rockwell, IBM Federal Systems. Navstar GPS system. |
| 1960 | Vice Adm. William F. Raborn. Polaris ballistic missile. | 1993 | Hubble Space Telescope recovery team. Successful orbital recovery and repair. |
| 1961 | A. Scott Crossfield, Cmdr. Forrest Petersen, Joseph A. Walker, Maj. Robert M. White. X-15 test flights. | 1994 | USAF, McDonnell Douglas, US Army, C-17 industry team. C-17. |
| 1962 | Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. (USMC), Cmdr. Walter M. Schirra Jr., Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., Lt. Cmdr. M. Scott Carpenter, Maj. L. Gordon Cooper, Maj. Virgil I. Grissom, Maj. Donald K. Slayton. Pioneering US manned spaceflight. | 1995 | Boeing 777 team. Boeing 777. |
| 1963 | Clarence L. Johnson. A-11 (A-12) Mach 3 aircraft. | 1996 | Cessna Citation X design team. Cessna Citation X. |
| 1964 | Gen. Curtis E. LeMay. Expanding frontiers of American aeronautics and astronautics. | 1997 | Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., Gulfstream V industry team. Gulfstream V. |
| 1965 | James E. Webb, Hugh L. Dryden. Gemini spaceflight program. | 1998 | Lockheed Martin Corp., GE Aircraft Engines, NASA, Air Combat Command, Defense Intelligence Agency. U-2S/ER-2. |
| 1966 | James S. McDonnell. F-4 Phantom and Gemini space vehicles. | 1999 | Boeing, Hornet industry team, and US Navy. F/A-18E/F. |
| 1967 | Lawrence A. Hyland, Hughes Aircraft Co., Jet Propulsion Laboratory, associated organizations. Surveyor program. | | |
| 1968 | Col. Frank Borman, Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. (USN), Lt. Col. William A. Anders. Apollo 8, first manned lunar orbit mission. | | |

The Mackay Trophy

The Mackay Trophy was established by Clarence H. Mackay, an industrialist, philanthropist, communications pioneer, and aviation enthusiast. Presented by the National Aeronautic

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| 1912 | 2nd Lt. Henry H. Arnold. |
| 1913 | 2nd Lts. Joseph E. Carberry and Fred Seydel. |
| 1914 | Capt. Townsend F. Dodd and Lt. S.W. Fitzgerald |
| 1915 | Lt. B.Q. Jones. |
| 1916–17 | No award. |
| 1918 | Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker. |
| 1919 | Lt. Col. Harold E. Hartney; Capts. John O. Donaldson, Lowell H. Smith, and F. Steinle; Lts. B.G. Bagby, D.B. Gish, E.M. Manzelman (posthumously), Belvin N. Maynard, R.S. Northington, and Alexander Pearson Jr. |
| 1920 | Capt. St. Clair Streett; 1st Lt. Clifford C. Nutt; 2nd Lts. C.H. Crumrine, Ross C. Kirkpatrick, and Eric H. Nelson; Sgts. Joe E. English, Edmond Henriques, and Albert T. Vierra. |
| 1921 | Lt. John A. Macready. |
| 1922 | Lts. John A. Macready and Oakley G. Kelly. |
| 1923 | Lts. John A. Macready and Oakley G. Kelly. |
| 1924 | Capt. Lowell H. Smith; 1st Lts. Leslie P. Arnold, Eric H. Nelson, and Leigh Wade; 2nd Lts. John Harding Jr. and Henry H. Ogden. |
| 1925 | Lts. Cyrus K. Bettis and Jimmy Doolittle. |
| 1926 | Pan American Goodwill Fliers: Maj. H.A. Dargue; Capts. Ira C. Eaker, A.B. McDaniel, and C.F. Woolsey (posthumously); 1st Lts. J.W. Benton (posthumously), M.S. Fairchild, C.McK. Robinson, B.S. Thompson, L.D. Weddington, and E.C. Whitehead. |
| 1927 | Lts. Albert F. Hegenberger and Lester J. Maitland. |
| 1928 | 1st Lt. Harry A. Sutton. |
| 1929 | Capt. A.W. Stevens. |
| 1930 | Maj. Ralph Royce. |
| 1931 | Brig. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois. |
| 1932 | 11th Bombardment Sq., March Field, Calif., 1st Lt. Charles H. Howard. |
| 1933 | Capt. Westside T. Larson. |
| 1934 | Brig. Gen. Henry H. Arnold. |
| 1935 | Capt. O.A. Anderson and A.W. Stevens. |
| 1936 | Capt. Richard E. Nugent; 1st Lts. Joseph A. Miller and Edwin G. Simenson; 2nd Lts. Burton W. Armstrong, Herbert Morgan Jr., and William P. Ragsdale Jr.; TSgt. Gilbert W. Olson; SSgt. Howard M. Miller; Cpl. Air Mechanic 2nd Class Frank B. Connor. |
| 1937 | Capt. Carl J. Crane and George V. Holloman. |
| 1938 | 2nd Bombardment Group, Lt. Col. Robert Olds. |
| 1939 | Majs. Caleb V. Haynes and William D. Old; Capt. John A. Samford; 1st Lts. Richard S. Freeman and Torgils G. Wold; MSgt. Adolph Cattarius; TSgts. William J. Heldt, Henry L. Hines, and David L. Spicer; SSgts. Russell E. Junior and James E. Sands. |
| 1940–46 | No award. |
| 1947 | Capt. Charles E. Yeager. |
| 1948 | Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry. |
| 1949 | Capt. James G. Gallagher and crew of <i>Lucky Lady II</i> . |
| 1950 | 27th Fighter Wing. |
| 1951 | Col. Fred J. Ascani. |
| 1952 | Majs. Louis H. Carrington Jr. and Frederick W. Shook; Capt. Wallace D. Yancey. |
| 1953 | 40th Air Division, SAC. |
| 1954 | 308th Bombardment Wing (M) and 38th Air Div., SAC. |
| 1955 | Col. Horace A. Hanes. |
| 1956 | Capt. Iven C. Kincheloe Jr., Air Research and Development Command. |
| 1957 | 93rd Bombardment Wing, SAC. |
| 1958 | TAC Air Strike Force, X-Ray Tango. |
| 1959 | US Air Force Thunderbirds. |

Association, the trophy recognizes "the most meritorious flight of the year" by an Air Force member, members, or organization.

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| 1960 | 6593rd Test Sq., Hickam AFB, Hawaii. |
| 1961 | Lt. Col. William R. Payne and Majs. William L. Polhemus and Raymond R. Wagener, 43rd Bomb Wing, SAC. |
| 1962 | Maj. Robert G. Sowers and Capts. Robert MacDonald and John T. Walton. |
| 1963 | Capt. Donald R. Mack, John R. Ordemann, and Warren P. Tomsett; TSgt. Edsol P. Inlow; SSgts. Frank C. Barrett and Jack E. Morgan. |
| 1964 | 464th Troop Carrier Wing, TAC. |
| 1965 | YF-12A Test Force (Col. Robert L. Stephens; Lt. Col. Daniel Andre; Majs. Walter F. Daniel and Noel T. Warner; Capt. James P. Cooney). |
| 1966 | Lt. Col. Albert R. Howarth. |
| 1967 | Maj. John H. Casteel; Capts. Dean L. Hoar and Richard L. Trail; MSgt. Nathan C. Campbell. |
| 1968 | Lt. Col. Daryl D. Cole. |
| 1969 | 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, TAC. |
| 1970 | Capt. Alan D. Milacek and AC-119K crew (Capts. Roger E. Clancy, Ronald C. Jones, Brent C. O'Brien, and James A. Russell; TSgt. Albert A. Nash; SSgts. Adolfo Lopez Jr. and Ronald R. Wilson; Sgt. Kenneth E. Firestone; A1C Donnell H. Cofer). |
| 1971 | Lt. Col. Thomas B. Estes and Maj. Dewain C. Vick. |
| 1972 | Capt. Charles B. DeBellevue, Jeffrey S. Feinstein, and Richard S. "Steve" Ritchie. |
| 1973 | MAC aircrews. |
| 1974 | Majs. Willard R. MacFarlane, David W. Peterson, and Roger J. Smith. |
| 1975 | Maj. Robert W. Undorf. |
| 1976 | Capt. James A. Yule. |
| 1977 | C-5 aircrew (Capt. David M. Sprinkel and crew). |
| 1978 | C-5 aircrews (Lt. Col. Robert F. Schultz and crew and Capt. Todd H. Hohberger and crew, 436th Military Airlift Wing). |
| 1979 | Maj. James E. McArdle Jr. |
| 1980 | Crews S-21 and S-31, 644th Bombardment Sq. |
| 1981 | Capt. John J. Walters. |
| 1982 | B-52 Crew E-21, 19th Bombardment Wing. |
| 1983 | Capt. Robert J. Goodman and his crew, 42nd Bombardment Wing, SAC. |
| 1984 | Lt. Col. James L. Hobson Jr. |
| 1985 | Lt. Col. David E. Faught. |
| 1986 | KC-10 crew (Capts. M.D. Felman and T.M. Ferguson; MSgts. C. Bridges Jr., P.S. Kennedy, and G.G. Treadwell; TSgts. L.G. Bouler and G.M. Lewis; SSgts. S.S. Flores, S.A. Helms, and G.L. Smith), 68th Air Refueling Group, SAC. |
| 1987 | Det. 15, USAF Plant Representative Office, and B-1B SPO. |
| 1988 | C-5 crew, 436th Military Airlift Wing. |
| 1989 | B-1B crew, 96th Bomb Wing. |
| 1990 | AC-130 crew, 16th Special Operations Sq. |
| 1991 | MH-53 crew, 20th Special Operations Sq. |
| 1992 | C-130 crew, 310th Airlift Sq., ACC, Howard AFB, Panama. |
| 1993 | B-52 crew, 668th Bomb Sq., ACC. |
| 1994 | HH-60G crew of Air Force Rescue 206 and 208, 56th Rescue Sq., ACC, NAS Keflavik, Iceland. |
| 1995 | Aircr BAT-01, Dyess AFB, Tex. |
| 1996 | Aircrew Duke 01, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La. |
| 1997 | Crew of Whiskey-05, 7th Special Operations Sq., RAF Mildenhall, UK. |
| 1998 | Crew of Air Force Rescue 470, 210th Rescue Sq., Kulik ANGB, Alaska. |
| 1999 | Capt. Jeffrey G.J. Hwang, 173rd FW, Oregon ANG, Klamath Falls IAP, Ore. |

The Gen. Thomas D. White USAF Space Trophy

The Gen. Thomas D. White USAF Space Trophy is named for the fourth Air Force Chief of Staff, a longtime champion of USAF's role in space. The Air Force selects the recipients among USAF individuals or organizations that made the year's

outstanding progress in the field of aerospace. It was established in 1961 and, until 1996, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. It is now an AFA national award sponsored by the Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles Chapter.

1961 Capt. Virgil I. Grissom.
1962 Maj. Robert M. White.
1963 Maj. L. Gordon Cooper.
1964 Air Force Systems Command.
1965 Lt. Col. Edward H. White II.
1966 Alexander H. Flax.
1967 Gen. John P. McConnell.
1968 Col. Frank Borman, Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. (USN), Lt. Col. William A. Anders.
1969 Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., Neil A. Armstrong, Col. Michael Collins.
1970 Brig. Gen. Robert A. Duffy.
1971 Lt. Gen. Samuel C. Phillips.
1972 Hon. Robert C. Seamans Jr.
1973 Lt. Col. Henry Hartsfield Jr.
1974 No award.
1975 Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford.
1976 Gen. William J. Evans.
1977 Lt. Col. Charles G. Fullerton, Fred W. Haise Jr.
1978 No award.
1979 Maj. Gen. John E. Kulpa Jr.

1980 Gen. Lew Allen Jr.
1981 Col. Joe Engle, Capt. Richard H. Truly (USN).
1982 Lt. Gen. Richard C. Henry.
1983 Gen. James V. Hartinger.
1984 Lt. Gen. Forrest S. McCartney.
1985 Maj. Gen. Donald W. Henderson.
1986 Gen. Donald J. Kutyna.
1987 Col. Victor W. Whitehead.
1988 Robert R. Barthelemy.
1989 Launch Systems Directorate, Space Systems Division.
1990 Gen. John L. Piotrowski, USAF (Ret.), Lt. Gen. Donald L. Cromer.
1991 Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr.
1992 Maj. Gen. Nathan J. Lindsay, USAF (Ret.).
1993 Gen. Merrill A. McPeak.
1994 Gen. Charles A. Horner.
1995 Gen. Joseph W. Ashy.
1996 No award.
1997 Lt. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana.
1998 Gen. Howell M. Estes III.
1999 Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord.

The Hughes Achievement Award

The Hughes Achievement Award (formerly the Hughes Trophy) is presented annually to the top Air Force squadron with an

air defense/air superiority mission. Raytheon now sponsors the award.

| Year | Unit, Base | Aircraft |
|------|---|--------------|
| 1953 | 58th FIS, Otis AFB, Mass. | F-94C |
| 1954 | 96th FIS, New Castle County Airport, Del. | F-94C |
| 1955 | 496th FIS, Landstuhl AB, West Germany | F-86D |
| 1956 | 317th FIS, McChord AFB, Wash. | F-86D/F-102A |
| 1957 | 512th FIS, RAF Bentwaters, UK | F-86D |
| 1958 | 31st FIS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska | F-102A |
| 1959 | 54th FIS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. | F-89J |
| 1960 | 460th FIS, Portland IAP, Ore. | F-102A |
| 1961 | 83rd FIS, Hamilton AFB, Calif. | F-101B |
| 1962 | 444th FIS, Charleston AFB, S.C. | F-101B |
| 1963 | 497th FIS, Torrejon AB, Spain | F-102A |
| 1964 | 329th FIS, George AFB, Calif. | F-106A/B |
| 1965 | 317th FIS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska | F-102A |
| 1966 | 32nd FIS, Soesterberg AB, Netherlands | F-102A |
| 1967 | 317th FIS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska | F-106A/B |
| 1968 | 64th FIS, Clark AB, Philippines | F-102A |
| 1969 | 71st FIS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. | F-106A/B |
| 1970 | 57th FIS, NAS Keflavik, Iceland | F-102A |
| 1971 | 48th FIS, Langley AFB, Va. | F-106A/B |
| 1972 | 43rd TFS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska | F-4E |
| 1973 | 555th TFS, Udorn RTAB, Thailand | F-4D |
| 1974 | 119th FIG (ANG), Hector Field, N.D. | F-101B |
| 1975 | 318th FIS, McChord AFB, Wash. | F-106A/B |
| 1976 | 57th FIS, NAS Keflavik, Iceland | F-4C |

| Year | Unit, Base | Aircraft |
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| 1977 | 43rd TFS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska | F-4E |
| 1978 | 49th FIS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y. | F-106A/B |
| 1979 | 32nd TFS, Soesterberg AB, Netherlands | F-15A/B |
| 1980 | 32nd TFS, Soesterberg AB, Netherlands | F-15A/B |
| 1981 | 12th TFS, Kadena AB, Japan | F-15C/D |
| 1982 | 44th TFS, Kadena AB, Japan | F-15C/D |
| 1983 | 67th TFS, Kadena AB, Japan | F-15C/D |
| 1984 | 318th FIS, McChord AFB, Wash. | F-15A/B |
| 1985 | 120th FIG (ANG), Great Falls IAP, Mont. | F-106A/B |
| 1986 | 67th TFS, Kadena AB, Japan | F-15C/D |
| 1987 | 57th FIS, NAS Keflavik, Iceland | F-15C/D |
| 1988 | 22nd TFS, Bitburg AB, West Germany | F-15C/D |
| 1989 | 67th TFS, Kadena AB, Japan | F-15C/D |
| 1990 | 58th TFS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | F-15C/D |
| 1991 | 58th TFS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | F-15C/D |
| 1992 | 59th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | F-15C/D |
| 1993 | 71st FS, Langley AFB, Va. | F-15C |
| 1994 | 178th FS (ANG), Hector IAP, N.D. | F-16A/B |
| 1995 | 27th FS, Langley AFB, Va. | F-15C/D |
| 1996 | 60th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | F-15C/D |
| 1997 | 493rd FS, RAF Lakenheath, UK | F-15C |
| 1998 | 71st FS, Langley AFB, Va. | F-15C/D |
| 1999 | 493rd FS, RAF Lakenheath, UK | F-15C |