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The 67th: 75 years of heritage, innovation and family



(U.S. Air Force photo courtesy of the 18th Wing Historian Office)

By Staff Sgt. Amber E. N. Jacobs

18th Wing Public Affairs
1/14/2016 — Celebrating 75 years of heritage, the 67th Fighter Squadron is more than a single squadron; it is an all-encompassing family.

According to Lt. Col. James McFarland, 67th FS commander, the unit is made up of some of the best men and women of the 18th Wing and F-15 Eagle community.

Activated at Selfridge Air Field, Michigan, Jan. 15, 1941, not only was a legacy born, but a brotherhood was founded.

“The heritage of that squadron is lengthy, and it is valorous,” said Stephen Ove, 18th Wing chief of wing history. “There are very few squadrons that exist in today’s Air Force that predate World War II.”

Beginning its service as a pursuit-interceptor squadron,

the 67th has done it all; from armed reconnaissance, strategic bombing, close air support, aerial combat and interdiction mission. The flexibility of the 67th has been observed throughout its legacy.

“They have been fighter bombing; they have been pursuing the enemy; they have been performing Wild Weasel, which

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Team Kadena to host Spouse Orientation

By Airman 1st Class Nick Emerick

18th Wing Public Affairs
1/20/2016 — The Airman and Family Readiness center will host a Welcome to Kadena Spouse Orientation Jan. 26, in the conference room at building 128 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

According to Lisa Velez, 18th Wing community support coordinator, the goal of the orientation is to address prevalent questions and concerns reported by spouses who are new to Kadena, and to mitigate the risk of isolation and connect the intended audience to the resources.

“It came about through seeking out our community members and truly listening to their expressed needs conveyed through various discussions, forums, and surveys; it will now come to fruition through the collaborative efforts of many agencies and resources committed to the care and keeping of this exceptional community,” said Velez.

The orientation will feature guest speakers from base clubs and organizations including Red Cross, the Okinawa Enlisted and Officer Spouses clubs and several others, ending with a lunch with your key spouse.

“I find it particularly exciting not only as a volunteer in the community support coordinator office but also as a key spouse that there will now exist a forum for our new spouses to learn more about the opportunities, resource, and fun, accessible to them on Kadena,” said Peggy Vinyard, 18th Wing volunteer.

To sign up for the orientation, please visit <https://einventions.afit.edu> to RSVP by Jan. 22.

For those that miss the Jan. 26 date, there will be new spouse orientations held throughout the year, including June 14, Aug. 30, and Oct. 18.

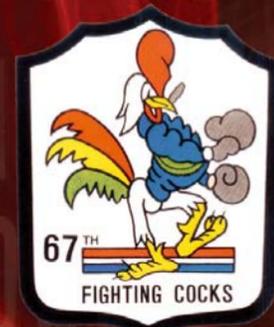
THE 67TH FS PATCH

THE EVOLUTION OF “SPARKY”



1941

The 67th emblem was created during World War II by Walt Disney Productions. It was one of approximately 1,200 WWII designs created by Disney as part of their contribution to the war effort.



1950

On March 8, 1945 the emblem was approved as the squadron’s official logo.

The gamecock represents the aggressive spirit of the squadron.



Current

Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. The bars of red, white and blue are the national colors and signify Air Force allegiance.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)

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