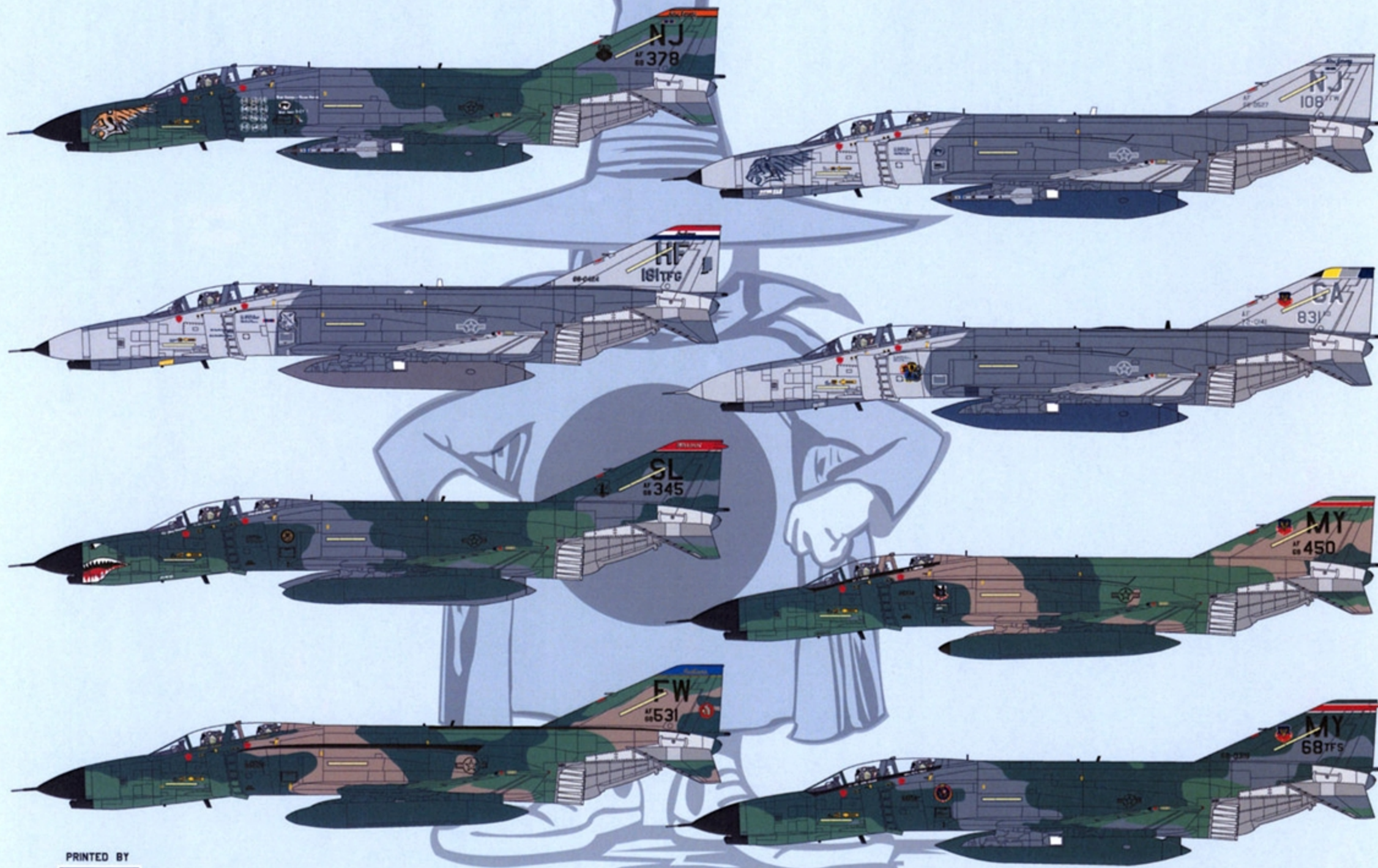


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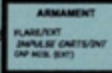
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BART SIMPSON — FALCON HUNTER



BART KNOWS DACT!



*1st Lt. Maj. Brad Cooper*

\*no walkway markings on this jet\*

*1st Lt. Clark Martin*

\*Apply kill markings over top of aircraft data block\*

*Tsgt Brian Toomey 1st CC*

*Msgt Jay Pierce Crew Chief*

\*base of pitot is medium blue\*

68-0378 141st Tactical Fighter Squadron  
108th Tactical Fighter Wing  
McGuire AFB, New Jersey, May 1988

The New Jersey Air National Guard flew the F-4 for ten years beginning in 1981. Soon after the transition to the F-4E in 1986, an attractive tiger head was painted on the sides of the nose. There were a few variations of the tiger design, including the full color design shown here. This specific F-4E was part of a small deployment of NJANG Phantoms to Luke AFB, Arizona, where the Guardsmen flew air-air missions against the Luke-based students in their new F-16s. As can be seen by the impressive mission tally on this Phantom's intake, the F-4 did just fine. Of note is the blue pitot tube base.

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*Col. R. Cosgrove 108th TFW C/C*

*Lt. C. Martin*



**ANGELS**

*Tsgt Ken Schultz 1st CC*

*Msgt Pete Sennath Crew Chief*

\*Nose Gear door\*

\*No reinforcement plates on horizontal stabilizers\*

68-0527 141st Tactical Fighter Squadron  
108th Tactical Fighter Wing  
McGuire AFB, New Jersey, January 1991

68-0527 was marked as the 108th flagship prior to the Wing's conversion to the KC-135 in 1991. This Phantom, along with many of its squadron mates, was sold to Turkey in late 1991. Note that this F-4 did not have the reinforcement plates on the top of the horizontal stabilizers.

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*Maj Steve 'Mad Dog' Wagner*

*Col. D.A. Sander*

*CC Charlie Loughmiller*

*Asst Dr. Michael Wade*

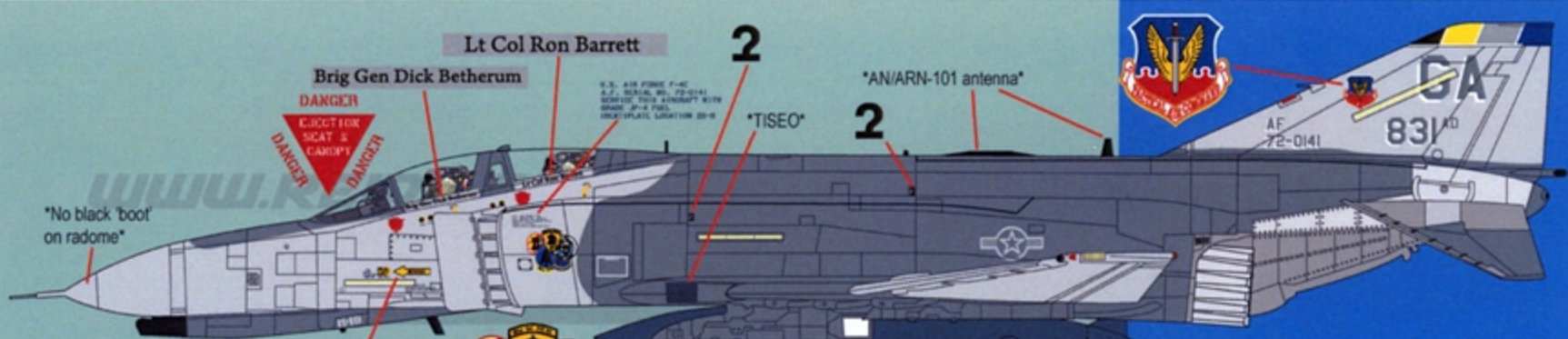
\*Note incorrectly spelled "ARAMENT"\*

\*Nose Gear door\*

68-0424, 113th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
181st Tactical Fighter Group  
Terre Haute, Indiana, September 1991

Throughout the 1980s, the Indiana Air National Guard had two F-4 fighter squadrons; one at Ft. Wayne and the other at Terre Haute. 68-0424 was the 181st Tactical Fighter Group flagship at Terre Haute during the last few years of Phantom operations. It was one of a very few Phantoms to be retrofitted with the new frameless windscreen designed to offer better visibility and more protection from bird strikes over the original F-4 windscreen. See The Modern Phantom Guide book for details of this very interesting and visually appealing modification.

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72-0141 21st Tactical Fighter Squadron  
35th Tactical Fighter Wing  
George AFB, California, December 1990

Prior to an organizational change in Wing structures in 1991, George AFB was home to the 35th & 37th Tactical Fighter Wings. Both Wings were in turn subordinate to the 831st Air Division, which was in control of all flying operations at the base. 72-0141 was marked for the 831st Air Division commander, Brigadier General Richard Betherum. This was a late-model E-model Phantom, complete with the AN/ARN-101 DMAS digital avionics upgrade and TISEO on the left wing leading edge.



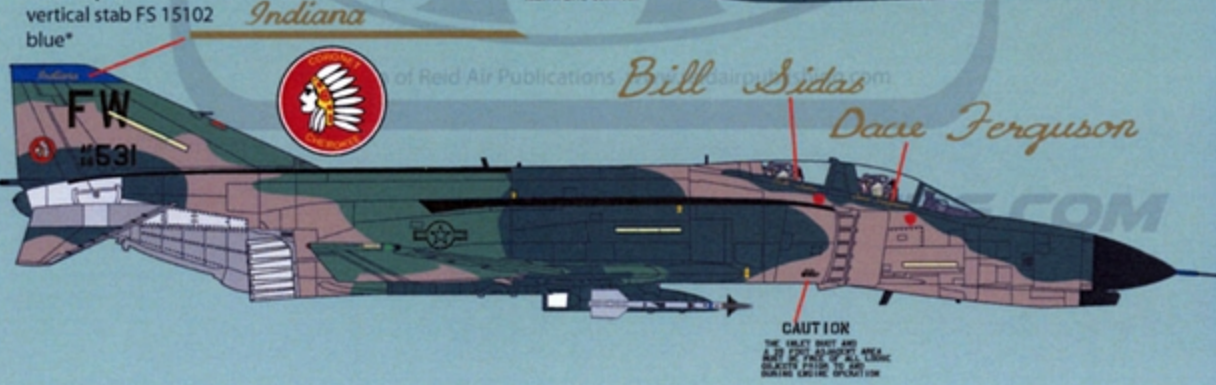
68-0345 110th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
131st Tactical Fighter Wing  
St. Louis, Missouri, October 1987

Having the distinction of flying the Phantom at the same airport where it was built, the Missouri Air National Guard converted to the F-4E in 1985. The MOANG flew the Phantom until the arrival of the F-15 in 1991. 68-0345 was one of the earliest F-4s to receive the one-piece windscreen, most likely as a result of its easy access to McDonnell Douglas, the contractor for the part. It carried the windscreen for the remainder of its career. Following its retirement in 1991, it became one of the prototype QF-4Es and was ultimately destroyed in July 1998, still sporting its unique shark-mouth.



68-0531 163rd Tactical Fighter Squadron  
122nd Tactical Fighter Group  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana, May 1987

In addition to the F-4 squadron based at Terre Haute, Ft. Wayne also hosted F-4Es assigned to the Indiana ANG. In September 1986, the 122nd TFW deployed to Turkey with their F-4Es for one month. The deployment was given the name 'Coronet Cherokee' with suitable artwork adorning the rudders of the deployed Phantoms. In some cases, this artwork remained with the jets for several years. 68-0531 was one such Phantom that made the deployment. It carried its deployment badge on both sides of the rudder. Notice the unique USAF insignia star and bar on this Phantom.



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"Nose Gear door"

LT. J. KREKE  
LT. J. CAMERON

REMOVE TO ARMED STATE  
ARMAMENT  
CARTS

MY  
AF  
68  
450

U.S. AIR FORCE F-4E  
AF SERIAL NO. 68-0450  
SERVICE THIS AIRCRAFT  
WITH GRADE JP-4 FUEL

\*tips of external fuel  
tanks are black\*

68-0450 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
347th Tactical Fighter Wing  
Moody AFB, Georgia, March 1983

At one point during the 347th TFW's time with Phantoms, it operated three squadrons of E-models from its central Georgia base. 68-0450 was assigned to the 68th TFS "Lightning Lancers" during its time with the 347th. White crew names are provided; however, the modeler must paint the black trim around the cockpits prior to the application of the decals. Notice the lack of the walkway marking on the fuselage spine, but the presence of the walkways on the tops of each intake.

MY  
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68  
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CREW CHIEF SSGT. MIDDLETON  
ASST CREW CHIEF WILLIAM L. CORNETT III

CAUTION  
DO NOT TOUCH AND  
DO NOT REMOVE FROM  
THIS AREA TO PREVENT  
SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE  
MODEL



DANGER  
EJECTION SEAT  
& CANOPY  
DANGER

MAJ. PETE TOLLY  
LT. COL. JOHN GOLDEN



MY  
68TFS  
68-0318

U.S. AIR FORCE F4C  
A.F. SERIAL NO. 68-0318  
SERVICE THIS AIRCRAFT  
WITH GRADE JP-4 FUEL  
IDENTIFY PLATE LOCATION

68-0318 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
347th Tactical Fighter Wing  
Moody AFB, Georgia, June 1986

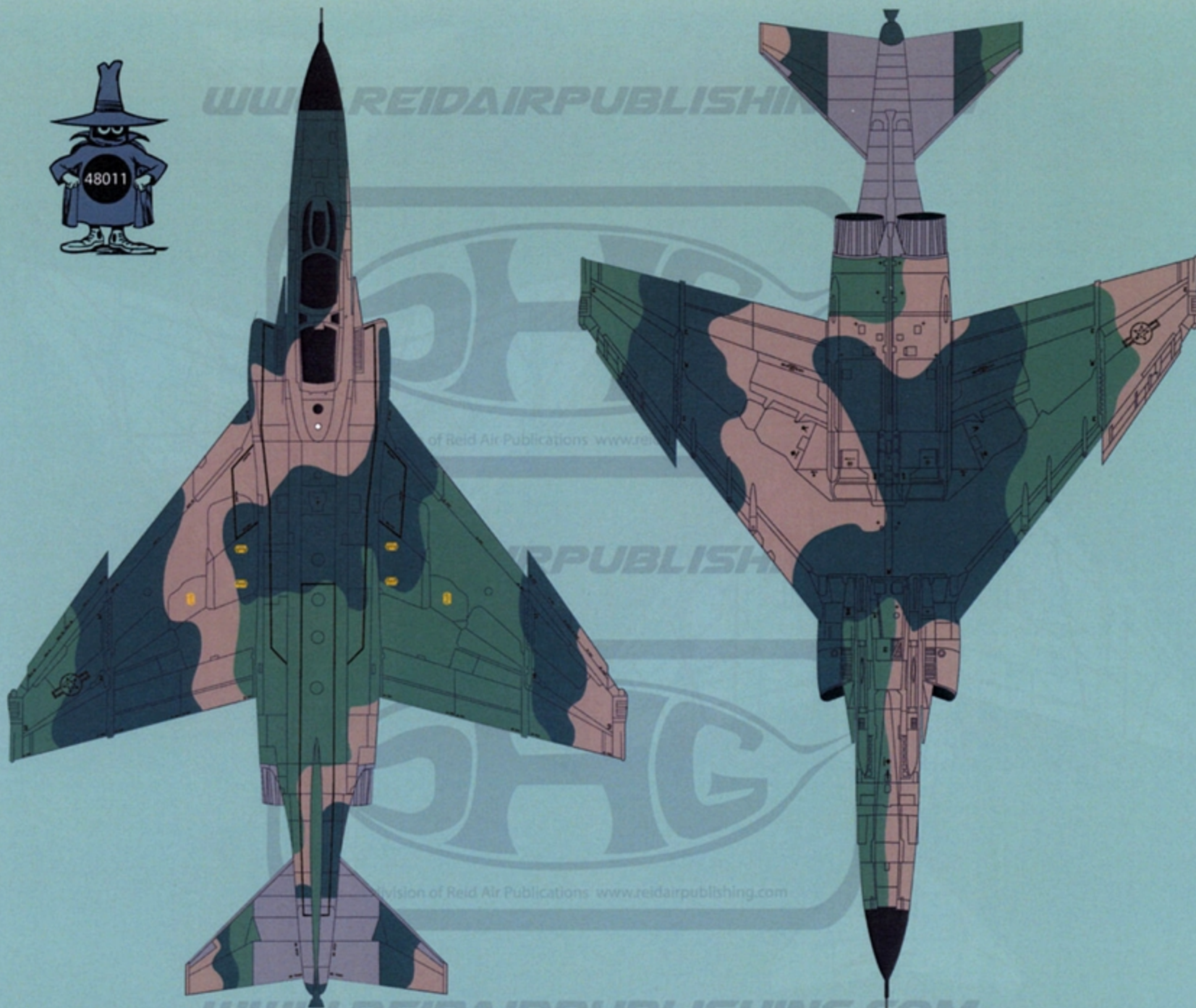
68-0318 was sporting the relatively new European 1 wraparound camouflage scheme during 1986. It was marked as the squadron flagship at this time, making for an attractive Phantom on the rows of jets on the enormous Moody flightline. This jet did not have any walkway markings present. Notice the RWR antenna on the top of the vertical stabilizer. Like 68-0450 above, the modeler must paint the black trim around the cockpit prior to application of the decal crew names.

MY  
68TFS  
68-0318



CREW CHIEF SSGT G SIMPSON

ASST CREW CHIEF AIC R. ELLIOT



**FS 30219 Tan**



**FS 34079 Dark Green**



**FS 34102 Medium Green**



**FS 36081 European 1 Gray**  
\*to be used in place of  
tan on European 1 schemes\*



### **SEA Wraparound & European 1 Wraparound**

The above diagram shows the SEA wraparound camouflage pattern common to Phantoms in the early 1980s. This pattern features two greens and a dark tan, but was replaced by the darker European 1 wraparound scheme beginning in the mid-1980s. This pattern features the two greens from before, but replaces the tan with a dark gray. For the modeler, the pattern for both schemes is identical; simply use gray or tan, depending on the camouflage pattern desired. Regardless of the desired camouflage scheme, check references very carefully, as the actual pattern and placement of the colors varied wildly from one aircraft to another!

