

F-100 FIRSTS

May 25, 1953 - First operational aircraft to exceed Mach 1 in level flight - YF-100A flown by George Welch.

October 26, 1953 - New world speed record - 755.19 mph over Salton Sea, F-100A, Lt. Col. Frank Everest.

October 1954 - First American Fighter unit equipped with supersonic jets - 479th FDW, George AFB, CA F-100As.

December 17, 1954 - Collier Trophy awarded to NAA by Pres. Eisenhower for development of the first operational supersonic fighter.

February, 1955 - First supersonic ejection - George Smith from F-100A at 8,000 ft.

August, 1955 - New world speed record - 822.5 mph over Mojave Desert. Col. Horace Hanes F-100C

4 September 1955 - Col. Carlos Talbott won the Bendix Trophy in an F-100C that traversed the 2,325 mile transcontinental distance with an average speed of 610mph.

September, 1956 - Start of the F-100F - First two seater supersonic trainer aircraft.

September, 1956 - Project Mobile Baker - first tactical jets to fly non-stop from Foster AFB, TX to Landstuhl, Germany (across the Atlantic), F-100Cs, 13 hrs, 50 min.

December, 1956 - two F-100Ds became the first-ever aircraft to successfully perform buddy refueling.

November, 1957 - Project Mobil Zebra - First tactical jets to fly non-stop across the Pacific ocean - 16 F-100Cs and 16 F-100Ds from George AFB, CA to Philippine Is.

February, 1957 - First Air National Guard unit to be equipped with supersonic fighter jets - 188th TFS, Kirtland AFB, NM ANG.

May 1957 - three F-100Cs set a new world distance record for single-engine aircraft by covering the 6,710 mi (5,835 nmi, 10,805 km) distance from London to Los Angeles in 14 hours and 4 minutes. The flight was accomplished using inflight refueling.

March, 1958 - First supersonic jet to make a Zero Length launch (ZEL) - Al Blackburn.

March, 1958 - Announcement - First fighter to be able to deliver a nuclear weapon at supersonic speed - TAC Cmdr. Gen. O. P. Weyland, F-100D.

May, 1958 - First foreign country to be equipped with supersonic jet fighters – Military Assistance Program, France.

August 1959 - two F-100Fs became the first-ever jet fighters to fly over the North Pole.

April 1961 – F-100s were the first USAF combat jets to enter the Vietnam War.

April 1965 – An F-100 was the first USAF aircraft to engage in aerial jet combat during the Vietnam War, while escorting F-105 Thunderchiefs to target.

1956 - First supersonic jet fighter to equip the Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team - 1956-1964 and 1964 – 1968, 13 years total.

1980 - First operational high-performance fighter to demonstrate remote controlled attack capability - QF-100 Full Scale Aerial Target 1979-1998.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1958 First supersonic jet fighter to equip an allied nation – France – F-100Ds and F-100Fs.

1972 Flew more sorties in Vietnam than all the thousands of P-51s flew in World War II.

1972 Flew more sorties in the Vietnam War than all other combat fighter aircraft combined – 360,283 sorties - 242 F-100s lost (198 in combat, 54 non-combat).