

## Skyblazers



*The Skyblazers aerobatic team, part of US Air Forces in Europe, was formed in 1949 when a group of pilots from the 36th Fighter Wing at Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, began performing coordinated formation stunts in F-80 Shooting Stars. Soon, the Skyblazers were conducting aerial demonstrations throughout Europe and northern Africa. Original Skyblazer pilots were Capt. Harry Evans, Capt. Vincent*

*Gordon, and brothers Lt. Cuthbert A. "Bill" Pattillo and Lt. Charles C. "Buck" Pattillo. The team pictured above, from the final years of Skyblazers, were (l-r) Lt. Charles R. Carney, alternate; Lt. Gordon Eells, right wing; Capt. W.L. Creech, leader; Lt. Gordon Scharnhorst, left wing; and Capt. Nevin Christensen, slot. The Skyblazers were deactivated in 1962.*