

Sigh

Nice compilation of fighter pictures. Too bad airlift, tanker, bomber, and ISR aircraft, plus key support elements, too numerous to mention, did not participate in the 25 years of war [*“USAF: 25 Years at War,” January, p. 20*]. Maybe they were not engaged or perhaps they were just forgotten. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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I read the several letters complaining that the writer’s favorite aircraft was omitted from the “USAF: 25 Years of War” issue with disbelief [*“Letters: ‘We Agree, It’s Disappointing,’ February, p. 6*].

I well recall how you begged us readers to submit our photos in September and October as you note. I encouraged a number of my friends to do so. As one who feels highly honored by having one of mine printed, I appreciated the opportunity.

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Your article “25 Years at War” included extraordinary coverage of airmen and warfighting systems. I would have added

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documentation of some of the critical contributors: B-52’s first shots of Desert Storm fired with CALCM plus Ops out of Diego. Fourteen years of B-1 precision CAS. Forty-four-hour B-2 sorties kicking off Enduring Freedom. And then there are the constant enablers making everyone look good: AWACS, Rivet Joint, Joint STARS, and strategic airlift. As history repeats itself, we need to think through and pace ourselves for the next 25 years. Looks like the BUFF will still be around!

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Missed a Decade or So

“AWACS for the 21st Century” (January, p. 68) did a credible job conveying the operational impact of the massive Block 40/45 upgrade. Conversely, in reporting its deployment to the Middle East, the article fell short on the historical perspective of AWACS operating continuously in the AOR by nearly a third. Statements such as “since the aircraft began watching Iraq in the early 1990s”; “the jet has been flying continuously in the Middle East for more than two decades”; and “AWACS and the Air Force have been in the desert ... since the first Gulf War” all miss nearly a decade of the 552nd AWACW’s proud history. Comprising thousands of sorties and tens of thousands of flying hours during the period 1980-89, 552nd crews flew these aircraft in executing round-the-clock, 24/7/365 combat weapons control, surveillance, and warning during Operation Elf One. Telling a first generation AWACS “crew dog” that continuous combat operations in the Middle East began in the 1990s, would be akin to telling an RAF airman that World War II began with the attack on Pearl Harbor!

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General Robinson

Enjoyed the article on Gen. Lori Robinson [*“Wingman: In Command,” January, p. 78*]. She was the second person to welcome me to Thumrait Air Base [Oman] when I stepped off the rotator. The first was Col. James Kowalski. What’s the chance of being deployed with two individuals, at the same time, who are both promoted to oversee major commands?

CMSgt. Fred W. Spielmann,
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In your article on General Robinson you mentioned her tour as commander of the 17th Training Wing at Goodfel-

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low AFB, Texas, where the 17th has a “mixed bag” of training for operational endeavors, but you failed to mention the maintenance training programs that keep those systems up and running. As a ground radio maintenance instructor,

I spent two tours at Goodfellow, one of which was during Col. (later Gen.) Norma Brown’s tour as commander.

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Correction

Due to an editing error, the February “Airpower Classics: Predator,” p. 84, listed two pilots as having received the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying the Predator RPA. No RPA pilots have received the DFC.—THE EDITORS

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