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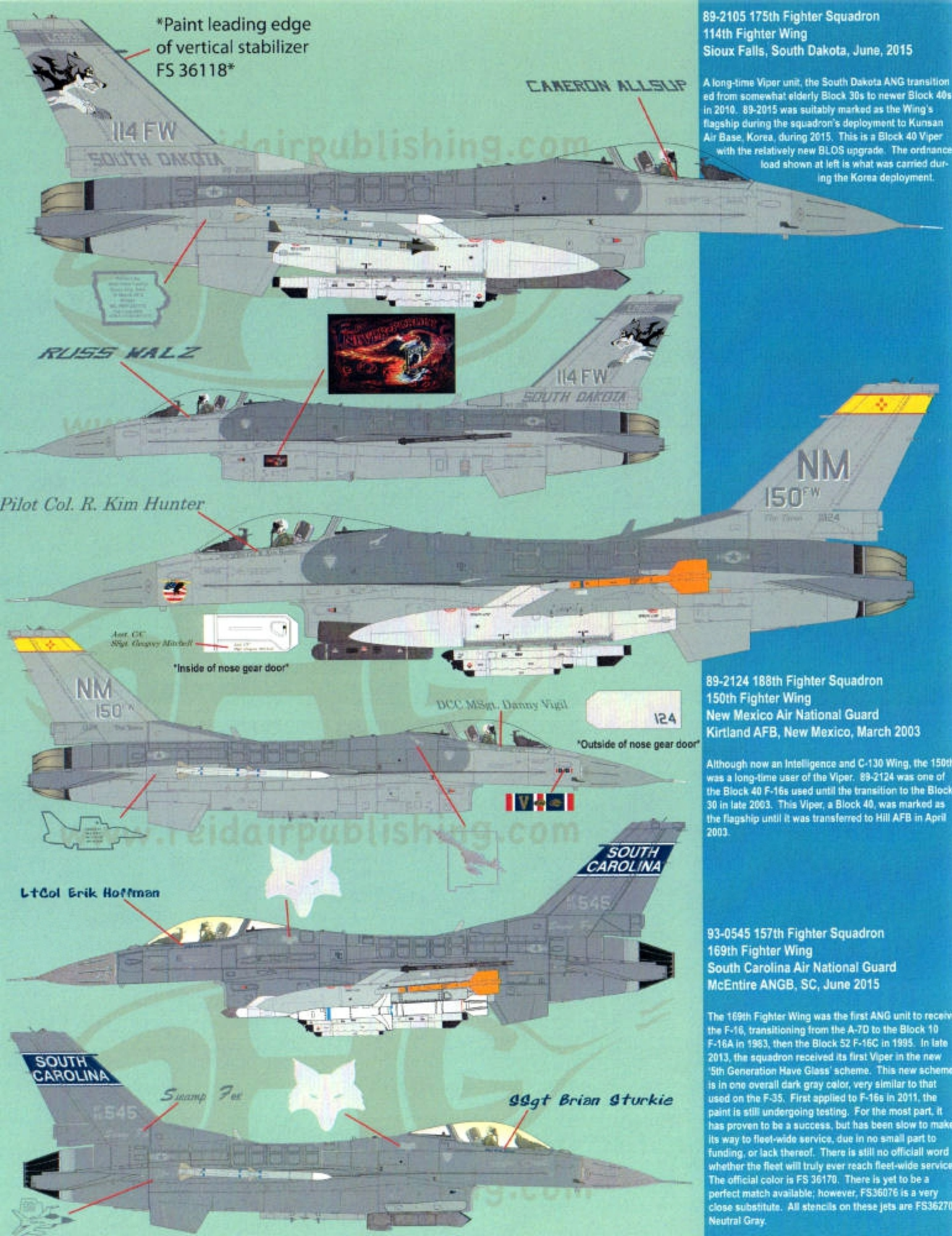
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Paint leading edge of vertical stabilizer of FS 36118

89-2105 175th Fighter Squadron
114th Fighter Wing
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June, 2015

A long-time Viper unit, the South Dakota ANG transitioned from somewhat elderly Block 30s to newer Block 40s in 2010. 89-2105 was suitably marked as the Wing's flagship during the squadron's deployment to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, during 2015. This is a Block 40 Viper with the relatively new BLOS upgrade. The ordnance load shown at left is what was carried during the Korea deployment.



CAMERON ALLSLIP

RUSS WALZ

Pilot Col. R. Kim Hunter

Aer. GC
SSgt Gregory Mitchell

Inside of nose gear door

DCC MSgt. Danny Vigil

Outside of nose gear door

LtCol Erik Hoffman

SOUTH CAROLINA

Swamp Fox

SSgt Brian Sturkie

89-2124 188th Fighter Squadron
150th Fighter Wing
New Mexico Air National Guard
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, March 2003

Although now an Intelligence and C-130 Wing, the 150th was a long-time user of the Viper. 89-2124 was one of the Block 40 F-16s used until the transition to the Block 30 in late 2003. This Viper, a Block 40, was marked as the flagship until it was transferred to Hill AFB in April 2003.

93-0545 157th Fighter Squadron
169th Fighter Wing
South Carolina Air National Guard
McEntire ANGB, SC, June 2015

The 169th Fighter Wing was the first ANG unit to receive the F-16, transitioning from the A-7D to the Block 10 F-16A in 1983, then the Block 52 F-16C in 1995. In late 2013, the squadron received its first Viper in the new '5th Generation Have Glass' scheme. This new scheme is in one overall dark gray color, very similar to that used on the F-35. First applied to F-16s in 2011, the paint is still undergoing testing. For the most part, it has proven to be a success, but has been slow to make its way to fleet-wide service, due in no small part to funding, or lack thereof. There is still no official word whether the fleet will truly ever reach fleet-wide service. The official color is FS 36170. There is yet to be a perfect match available; however, FS36076 is a very close substitute. All stencils on these jets are FS36270 Neutral Gray.