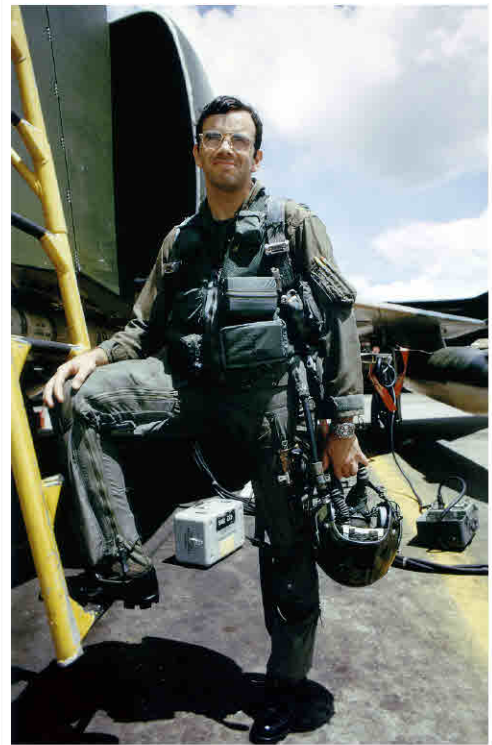


Jeffrey Feinstein

Colonel (USAF Retired) **Jeffrey S. Feinstein** was a career officer in the United States Air Force. In 1972 during the Vietnam War, while flying as a weapon systems officer (WSO) aboard F-4 Phantom IIs, Feinstein downed five enemy aircraft, thereby becoming a flying ace, the last ace produced by the USAF.^[1]

Feinstein graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1968. His actions, for which he received multiple awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Silver Star for his first four kills and the Air Force Cross for his fifth kill, took place prior to and during Operation Linebacker in 1972 while Feinstein, assigned to the 80th TFS, was detached to the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron, part of the 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, based at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.

His nickname/tactical callsign was "Fang." Having originally been designated as an Air Force Navigator, he was given a vision waiver after Vietnam, sent to Undergraduate Pilot Training and redesignated as an Air Force pilot in the fighter community.



Capt. Jeffrey Feinstein poses beside his F-4 Phantom II at Udorn Air Base, Thailand

MiG kill summary

Date	TFS	Pilot	Weapons Systems Officer	Acft	Tail Code	Call Sign	Wpn	Kill
April 16	13	Major Edward D. Cherry	Capt Jeffrey S. Feinstein	F-4D 66-7550	PN	Basco 3	AIM-7	MiG-21
May 31	13	Capt Bruce G. Leonard, Jr.	Capt J.S. Feinstein	F-4E 68-0338	ED	Gopher 03	AIM-9	MiG-21
July 18	13	Lt Col Carl G. Baily	Capt J.S. Feinstein	F-4D 66-0271	OY	Snug 01	AIM-9	MiG-21
July 29	13	Lt Col Carl G. Baily	Capt J.S. Feinstein	F-4D 66-0271	OY	Cadillac 01	AIM-7	MiG-21
October 13	13	Lt Col Curtis D. Westphal	Capt J.S. Feinstein	F-4D	OC	Olds 01	AIM-7	MiG-21

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