

30Apr75 11 VNAF A-1s flown to Thailand



Pictured in 1968 is the recently acquired A-1G 132528 loaded to the hilt. This would be her second tour with the USAF after two tours with the VNAF. Her load is nothing short of amazing. Six CBU-14, four M-47 WP bombs, two 500-lb napalm, and two 750-lb napalm. Oh, and there is a 300-gallon centerline tank and 800 rounds of 20mm. This would be a 10-ton airplane at takeoff! Notice the 'Flying Tiger' on the cowl, Note the 'throwback' AD-5W style rear canopy. Note the 'Playboy Bunny' on the prop, a trademark of the early 34th TG Skyraiders. I flew this aircraft 15 times while it was with the 1st SOS at NKP in 1971-72. It was transferred to the VNAF (for her third tour with the VNAF ) in November of 1972. It was one of the 11 Skyraiders flown to Thailand on April 30, 1975. It belongs in a museum! (Rob Cole)