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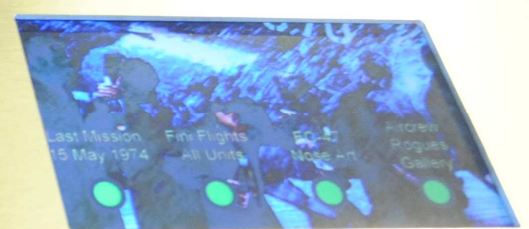

SECURITY Squadron signs from Operations Center fence as part of deactivation ceremony

It's assumed that the final flight tradition of a "wetting-down" by a fire truck or from large water containers came from the U.S. Army Air Force days of the World War II era. The final flight was first designed to mark milestones in the careers of an entire aircrew, respected individuals of rank or grade, and commanders departing to new commands or retirement. The tradition was first noted in Vietnam when the aircrews commemorated the completion of 100 missions. While the 100th safe last-landing was a reason to celebrate, it also became a separate flight altogether, marking the final mission of individual aircrew members prior to departure from the war zone. That is what it meant to 699th Security Squadron flyers...their last mission before getting on the Freedom Bird and heading home.

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ONOR'S BRIGHT CREST.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW





Last Mission: 15 May 1974

Final Flights: All Units

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Final Flight Traditions

From the early days of flight, pilots have celebrated the end of a mission with a final flight. This tradition has been passed down through generations of aviators, and it is still practiced today. The final flight is a time for pilots to reflect on their journey and to share their experiences with their fellow pilots. It is a time of camaraderie and of shared history. The final flight is a tradition that has stood the test of time, and it is a tradition that will continue to be practiced for many years to come.

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