

McEntire ANGB, S.C.

Established:

169th Fighter Wing,
on December 9, 1946

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The South Carolina Air National Guard has been called to active military service for five major contingency deployments in its 55-year history. Most recently in February 2003, 400 members of the 169th FW and its F-16s were mobilized and deployed to Southwest Asia as a part of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.



169th Fighter Wing

Photo by SSgt Shane Cuomo

General Characteristics:

Primary Function: Multirole fighter **Contractor:** Lockheed Martin Corp. **Power Plant:** F-16C/D: one Pratt and Whitney F100-PW-200/220/229 or General Electric F110-GE-100/129 **Thrust:** F-16C/D, 27,000 pounds **Length:** 49 feet, 5 inches **Height:** 16 feet **Wingspan:** 32 feet, 8 inches **Speed:** 1,500 mph **Ceiling:** Above 50,000 feet **Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 37,500 pounds **Range:** More than 2,000 miles ferry range **Armament:** 20mm multibarrel cannon with 500 rounds; external stations can carry up to six air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions and electronic countermeasure pods **Crew:** F-16C, one; F-16D, one or two **Unit Cost:** \$18.8 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)