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Wild Weasels is a label given to specially trained crews flying modified fighters with the bold mission of suppressing ground-based defenses, primarily radar-guided anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) and surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) so that strike aircraft can attack successfully and return to base safely. To do this, as Hampton intricately details, Weasels in the Vietnam war paved the way in a new role by routinely preceding the strikers to the target area and then departing the area last. Thus, their motto: "First in, last out."

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