The Hunter Killers: The Extraordinary Story of the First Wild Weasels, the Band of Maverick Aviators Who Flew the Most Dangerous Missions of the Vietnam War

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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 antiaircraft 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.”

Having flown 151 combat missions (Middle East) in U.S. Air Force fighters, earning four...

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