

The Epic Clash of the Thunderchief vs. the MiG-17 in the Skies over Vietnam

The Thunderchief: A Beast of the Skies



The Republic F-105 Thunderchief was a supersonic, single-seat, fighter-bomber that served with the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1984. It was designed to deliver nuclear and conventional weapons deep into enemy territory, and was heavily armed with four 20mm cannons and could carry a variety of bombs and missiles.

**USAF F-105 Thunderchief vs VPAF MiG-17: Vietnam
1965–68 (Duel)** by Peter E. Davies



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The Thunderchief was a large and powerful aircraft, with a wingspan of 35 feet and a length of 62 feet. It was powered by two General Electric J79 turbojet engines, which gave it a top speed of Mach 2.3. The Thunderchief was also heavily armored, and could withstand a significant amount of damage.

The MiG-17: A Match for the Thunderchief



The VPAF MiG-17 was a nimble and agile fighter that proved to be a deadly adversary for the Thunderchief.

The Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-17 was a subsonic, single-seat, fighter aircraft that served with the Soviet Air Force and its allies from 1952 to 1986. It was designed as a lightweight, maneuverable, and inexpensive fighter to counter the American F-86 Sabre.

The MiG-17 was smaller and lighter than the Thunderchief, with a wingspan of 31 feet and a length of 37 feet. It was powered by a single Klimov VK-1 engine, which gave it a top speed of Mach 1.1. The MiG-17 was armed with two 23mm cannons and could carry a variety of bombs and rockets.

The Duel: Thunderchief vs. MiG-17

The Thunderchief and the MiG-17 first met in combat over Vietnam in 1965. The Thunderchief was initially deployed to Vietnam in 1964, and quickly proved to be a formidable opponent for the North Vietnamese Air Force (NVAF). The MiG-17 was deployed to Vietnam in 1965, and quickly became the NVAF's primary fighter aircraft.

The Thunderchief and the MiG-17 were evenly matched in many ways. Both were fast, maneuverable, and heavily armed. However, the Thunderchief had a more powerful engine and could carry a greater payload of bombs and missiles. The MiG-17 was smaller and more agile, and could turn more tightly than the Thunderchief.

The first aerial battle between the Thunderchief and the MiG-17 took place on August 5, 1965. A flight of four Thunderchiefs was escorting a flight of F-100 Super Sabres when they were attacked by a group of MiG-17s. The Thunderchiefs and MiG-17s engaged in a fierce dogfight, and two MiG-17s were shot down. The Thunderchiefs returned to base safely.

The Thunderchief and the MiG-17 continued to clash over Vietnam throughout the war. The Thunderchief proved to be a more effective fighter-bomber than the MiG-17, but the MiG-17 was a more effective fighter aircraft. Both aircraft played a major role in the Vietnam War, and their duel in the skies over Vietnam is one of the most famous aerial battles in history.

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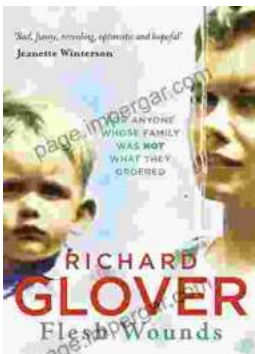
The Thunderchief was a powerful and effective fighter-bomber, while the MiG-17 was a nimble and agile fighter aircraft. Both aircraft played a major role in the Vietnam War, and their legacy continues to this day.



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