

# Air Superiority Blue

## The F-15 Story

The F-15 Eagle is the only military aircraft in modern times to be delivered on time, at cost, with the performance specified. It was in continuous production for 35 years. This fighter amassed an impressive air-to-air record—104 kills and no enemy aircraft ever shot one down. Bringing this impressive fighter into the Air Force inventory was not rocket science, but it did take a deliberate and concerted effort by all involved. Air Superiority Blue is an easily understood cookbook on how and why the program was so successful.

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Following a one-year remote assignment in the South Atlantic Ocean he was assigned as Airframe Project Manager in the F-15 System Program Office at Wright Field, Ohio, that assignment lasted from 1969 to 1975. This book covers those six years and explains in detail how a fighter acquisition program should be managed.

