

# Pilot's Best Friend Is Luck

SAIGON (7AF)—What's it like to be lucky? Ask Air Force Capt. Jerry Blaskey of Shalimar, Fla.

Blaskey, recently reassigned to the fighter requirements section of Seventh Air Force Hq., served four months with a fighter squadron before coming to Tan Son Nhut AB.

In that time, he flew 79 combat missions—76 of them over north Vietnam — through antiaircraft fire directed at his F-4C Phantom.

He was shot at and missed by a MIG-21 while on a bombing raid north of Hanoi.

Through all this, Blaskey was never scratched and his Phantom did not take a hit.

Blaskey has approximately 300 hours in the Phantom and more than 1,500 hours in other tactical fighters.

Commenting on the Phantom, Blaskey said, "Of all the aircraft I've flown, it's by far the finest."

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