

DESCRIPTION: The patch background is a rounded white trapezoid with a light blue border. The upper body and head of an aroused Cobra rise from the left center to upper right hand corner of the patch and lean slightly to the right. The head is outlined in black, as are all his prominent features; e.g., scales on head and body, tongue, eyes, and mouth. Certain scales on the head, the nostrils, and inside of the hood are also shaded solid black. The head is rust gold, with the body and border on the spread hood flanges done in yellow gold. The eyes and tongue are solid dark red. A simulated AMSA circles from right to left around the rear of the head crossing in front of the left hood flange and mid-lower body at approximately 45 degrees downward. A red contrail shows the path of the plane while the plane itself is outlined in black. The plane has a black nose, cockpit windows, engine intakes, tail pipe and vertical stabilizer tip. The plane itself is silver. The Arabic numerals "14" are set into the left hood flange, at approximately 60 degrees from the dive angle of the AMSA. The numerals are light blue with white shading.

SIGNIFICANCE: When it was originally designed, our patch symbolized a new spirit within the 14th squadron: the Cobra being chosen for its speed and ability and the blue, gold, red, and silver representing the four class colors. We have elected to continue using this patch for two important reasons. Not only does it represent the progressiveness and ever increasing effectiveness of the Air Force by depicting the AMSA eluding the blinding speed of the Cobra, but also reminds us of the wariness which has kept it ahead by never losing respect for the abilities of the latter. Just like the Cobra, 14th squadron will continue to demand respect.

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