



Come out to help celebrate Bill Krawski's "Big Boom" and Air Force Career.

Tom Delnicki is hosting an event on April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon at Bill Krawski's home, 130 Buckland Rd. in South Windsor.

Bill is a Post 133 member and an Air Force retiree, part of the celebration will be to commemorate Bill's crash in an F-100 while flying with the CT Air National Guard out of Bradley Field in 1963.



WOUNDED SABRE—Barraged out wreckage of F100 Super Sabre jet sits in sea of foam after takeoff mishap at Bradley Field. Plane skidded off runway and burst into flames as Sabre jet sits in sea of foam after takeoff mishap at Bradley Field. Plane skidded off runway and burst into flames as Sabre jet sits in sea of foam after takeoff mishap at Bradley Field. Plane skidded off runway and burst into flames as Sabre jet sits in sea of foam after takeoff mishap at Bradley Field.



CLOSE CALL: A fireman wades through foam poured on the burning wreckage of an F-100A Super Sabre jet which crashed during a takeoff attempt at Bradley Field Monday night.

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AWARDED WINGS: 2nd Lt. William J. Krawski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krawski of Foster Street, Wapping, has been awarded his United States Air Force pilot wings after his graduation from pilot training at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. At the completion of additional training at Perrin AFB, Texas, Lt. Krawski will return to a unit of the Connecticut Air National Guard. He is married to the former Patricia P. Pola of West Hartford, and is the father of a daughter.

# Pilot Leaps as Jet Crashes, Blazes

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Windsor Locks — Experiencing a power failure on takeoff, an Air National Guard F-100 super Sabrejet pilot leaped from his plane a split second before it burst into flames Monday evening shortly after 7 at Bradley Field.  
Part of a two-flight takeoff, Lt. William J. Krawski, 24, of 2241 Ellington Rd., South Windsor, quickly neutralized all weapons systems

aboard the supersonic interceptor; maintained control of the speeding plane after it left the hard surface of runway 15-33, plowed across a cleared area off the end of the runway; bounced off the field's perimeter road; skidded another 200 feet after its undercarriage was ripped off and burst into flames.  
**Leaps from Plane**  
Lt. Krawski blew his canopy just before halting, leaped from the craft  
Lt. George A. Demers of

Hartford, pilot of the second interceptor, left the runway without incident. Both planes were on an Air Defense Command intercept mission.  
Lieutenant Krawski suffered a bruise on his forehead and a scratch on his cheek. Dr. William Pomeroy treated the pilot at the command post and later the pilot was sent to the Westover AFB Hospital in Chicopee, Mass., for a checkup.  
Sixty-five seconds from the time the pilot gave the first indication of trouble,

the crash trucks were pouring the oxygen-smothering foam over the aircraft. The accident took place about 1,000 feet off the northwest end of the runway.  
A board of inquiry will be formed to investigate the accident.  
Airport Manager William Connor this morning credited the crash-rescue crews of the Department of Aeronautics and the Air National Guard for their "record setting time in reaching the burning F-100 military jet."

All Post members are invited to come out and celebrate with Bill and tell some Sea Stories, or whatever the Air Force called their little white lies, oh I mean yarns.