



Escuadrón Aéreo No. 2 (Caza)

Grupo de Aviación No. 2 (Caza) was created on 8 May 1951. Its 25 F-51D Mustangs were initially based at the Aeropuerto Internacional de Carrasco (Brigada Aérea II) until they were transferred in 1956 to Grupo de Aviación No. 1. On 23 October 1956, the unit received its first Lockheed T-33 'T-Birds' which, from May 1958, were joined by some 14 Lockheed F-80Cs.

On 31 October 1976 the first batch of new Cessna A-37B Dragonflies (270-277) arrived at Carrasco, but on 5 March 1980 all aircraft relocated to the Aeródromo Militar 'Tte.2º Mario W. Paraleda', situated near the city of Durazno (Brigada Aérea III). In October 1987 two (270 and 276) were lost in a mid-air collision, and were replaced in February 1988 by two attrition replacements (278 and 279) from US Air National Guard stocks. The final batch to arrive in Uruguay – delivered in March 1989 – comprised six ex-ANG machines (280-285).

Twelve aircraft remain on the books, but only four are currently in service. Soon the FAU has to decide whether to overhaul and update the remaining fleet or select a suitable alternative. On 6 April 2002 FAU279 returned from ENAER after a 3-year overhaul in Chile.

