

352 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

372 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) constituted, 20 Dec 1942

Activated, 15 Jan 1943

Redesignated 372 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 5 Feb 1944

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

652 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy, Weather Reconnaissance) constituted, 17 Jul 1944

Activated, 9 Aug 1944

Inactivated, 19 Dec 1945

352 Fighter-Day Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1957

Activated, 25 Sep 1957

Redesignated 352 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1971

372 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine reconstituted and consolidated with the 652 Bombardment Squadron, (Heavy, Weather Reconnaissance) and 352 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 19 Sep 1985.

Consolidated organization designated 352 Tactical Fighter Squadron and remains inactive.

STATIONS

March Field (later, AFB), CA, 15 Jan 1943

Glendale, CA, 15 Mar 1943

Muroc AAB, CA, 14 Apr 1943

Salinas AAB, CA, 21 Sep 1943
Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 7 Jan-31 Mar 1944
Watton, England, 9 Aug 1944
Alconbury, England, 13 Jul 1945
Raydon, England, 25 Oct 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, c. 17-19 Dec 1945
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Sep 1957
Aviano AB, Italy, 16 Jan 1960
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 17 May 1960-9 Aug 1966
Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Aug 1966
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 30 Jun-31 Jul 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

360 Fighter Group, 15 Jan 1943-31 Mar 1944
25 Bombardment Group (Reconnaissance), 9 Aug 1944
1 Air Division, 13 Jul 1945
3 Air Division, 25 Aug 1945
1 Air Division, 1 Sep 1945
3 Air Division, 12 Oct 1945
VIII Fighter Command, 1 Nov-19 Dec 1945
354 Fighter-Day (later, 354 Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957
366 Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Aug 1966
35 Tactical Fighter Wing, 10 Oct 1966-31 Jul 1971

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1943-1944
B-24, 1944
B-17, 1944-1945
F-100, 1957-1971

COMMANDERS

Capt Kenneth H. Potter, 19 Jan 1943
Capt Wilson A. Chapman, Apr 1943
Maj Edgar A. Romberg, Sep 1943
Capt Mark J. Mourne, 15 Nov 1943
Capt William P. Moore, 21 Feb-31 Mar 1944
Unknown, 17 Jul 1944-Jul 1945
Maj Michael J. Lorenz Jr., by Jul 1945
Maj John S. Raynal, 20 Oct 1945
Capt W. S. Smith, unknown
1st Lt Roland Seely, 15 Jul 1945-unknown
Lt Col Franklin L. Fisher, 1 Oct 1957
Maj Stanley M. Mamlock, 1 Jul 1960
Maj Raplee Y. McBurney, by Jan 1963

Lt Col Richard G. Newell, by Jan 1964
Lt Col Rocco Palumbo, by Jul 1967
Lt Col Harold L. Beasley, 21 Jul 1967
Lt Col William T. Creech, by Dec 1968
Lt Col Robert D. Hook, 5 Dec 1968
Lt Col Len C. Russell, 3 Mar 1969
Lt Col Robert I. Marshall, 25 Aug 1969
Lt Col James L. Johnson, 23 Dec 1969
Lt Col James M. Chestnut, 18 Aug 1970
Lt Col David L. Robb, 1 Oct 1970
Lt Col John L. O'Donnell, 27 Jan 1971
Maj Bill D. Ericson, 15 May-30 Jun 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II: American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Northern France

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Vietnam

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air/Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969

Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

Commando Hunt, V

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam

10 Oct 1966-10 Apr 1967

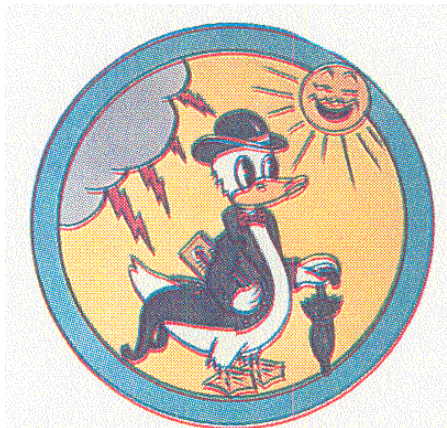
Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

3 Sep 1967-2 May 1968
1 Oct 1968-13 Apr 1969
14 Apr 1969-13 Apr 1970
1 Dec 1970-25 Jun 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 1962-31 Dec 1963

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
3 Jun 1966-31 Jul 1971
24 Feb-30 Mar 1971

EMBLEM



652nd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy, Weather Reconnaissance) On a yellow disc, border light turquoise blue, a caricatured, white duck, facing toward sinister, with orange bill and feet, wearing a dark gray, swallowtail coat and derby, holding a folded umbrella of the last in the tip of the left wing, and a thermometer, proper, under the right wing, standing beneath a large, threatening, gray cloud in dexter chief, with four, small, jagged, red lightning flashes emanating there from, and the laughing face of the sun golden orange over the border in sinister chief, with black ray lines issuing there from. (Approved, 21 Feb 1945)

352nd Fighter-Day Squadron emblem approved, 7 Feb 1958

MOTTO

Yellow Jackets

OPERATIONS

Served as replacement training unit, Apr 1943-Mar 1944. Conducted weather reconnaissance in ETO, 10 Aug 1944-26 Sep 1945. Provided ground attack, interdiction and close air support with conventional weapons while based in South Vietnam, Aug 1966-Jun 1971. Awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for military operations in Vietnam, 10 Oct 1966-10 Apr 1967.

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