

440th AAF BASE UNIT



MISSION

During Jul 1945, the primary mission changed from Combat Crew Training Station to Operation Training Unit Station. The mission was to be the housekeeping unit for groups which were stationed on base. The secondary mission was the assignment and continuation of training of returnee pilots.

LINEAGE

440th AAF Base Unit

STATIONS

Santa Maria AAF, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38F

P-38G

P-38H

P-38J

P-38L

P-39Q

UC-78

COMMANDERS

Col Richard A. Grussendorf

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

It was during the late 1944-to-late 1945 time period that several additional squadrons were attached to the 412th FG. These were comprised of the 361st FS, 615th Air Engineering Squadron (AES), and the 624th Air Material Squadron (AMS). Another lesser-known P-59 unit - the 440th Army Air force Base Unit, a training squadron - was in operation at Santa Maria by late June 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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