

612 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

612 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 612 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 27 May 1947
Activated in the reserve, 26 Jun 1947
Redesignated 612 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1951
Redesignated 612 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 24 Nov 1953
Activated, 8 Feb 1954
Redesignated 612 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Redesignated 612 Fighter Squadron
Inactivated, 25 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Apr 1943
Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jun 1943
Great Falls AAB, MT, 8 Jul-19 Oct 1943
Deenethorpe, England, 3 Nov 1943-20 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 1-28 Aug 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 26 Jun 1947
Biggs AFB, TX, 27 Jun 1949-25 Jun 1951

Alexandria AFB, LA, 8 Feb 1954-22 Sep 1955
England AFB, LA, 12 Apr 1956-8 Nov 1965
Misawa AB, Japan, 3 Nov 1965-15 Mar 1971
Torrejon AB, Spain, 15 Jul 1971

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy, 27 Aug 1958-17 Nov 1958
Aviano AB, Italy, 14 Dec 1959-19 Feb 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

401 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1943-28 Aug 1945
401 Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1947-25 Jun 1951
401 Fighter Bomber Group, 8 Feb 1954
401 Fighter-Bomber (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945
B-17F
B-17G
F-86, 1954-1955
F-84, 1954-1957
F-100, 1957
F-100D
F-16C
F-16D

COMMANDERS

LTC Frank C. Malone

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Germany, 20 Feb 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan-31 Dec 1963

EMBLEM



A formation of B-17s, a bomb and the official Air Corps wing form the background for the this insignia. This is the second insignia adopted by the 612th. The first containe Mangler, squadron mascot.





On a light sky blue disc, within a border Air Force blue, a fighting American bald eagle, dark brown, wings highlight-ed Air Force yellow, eyeball green, pupil black, with white highlight, beak and feet Air Force yellow, detail dark brown, talons black, highlights white, tongue red, head and tail feathers white, outlined black; the eagle carrying a large red bomb in his right talons, in base a cloud white. (Approved, 15 Sep 1955)

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OPERATIONS

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