

723 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

723 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Inactivated, 11 Jun 1945
Redesignated 723 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 31 May 1954
Activated, 1 Jul 1954
Redesignated 723 Fighter-Day Squadron, 8 Mar 1955
Redesignated 723 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 18 Dec 1958

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 May 1943
Clovis AAB, NM, 21 May 1943
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 8 Jul-26 Nov 1943
Manduria, Italy, 3 Jan 1944-12 May 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 31 May-11 Jun 1945
Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954-18 Dec 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

450 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-11 Jun 1945
450 Fighter-Bomber (later Fighter-Day) Group, 1 Jul 1954
450 Fighter-Day (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 11 Dec 1957-18 Dec 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

F-86, 1954-1955

F-100, 1955-1958

COMMANDERS

Maj John W. Saxton, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Regensburg, Germany, 25 Feb 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 5 Apr 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

19 Sep-8 Dec 1957

EMBLEM

On a shield of sky blue with a white cloud formation, and two birds volant, over all in the foreground a ram proper, couped at the shoulders, and issuing from the base of the shield, his horns shaded blue; a golden yellow lightning flash, placed over the cloud and the ram's shoulder, and over all in base, a badge of red and white, around the shield a red border, the border forming a stylized pattern on the shield's upper edge. (Approved, 6 Jun 1955)

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 8 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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