

49 FIGHTER TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron conducts Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals flying training for over 75 U.S. Air Force and international pilots and Weapon System Officers annually. The unit executes an annual flying hour program of 2,430 sorties and 2,250 hours valued at more than \$4.9 million. It develops the ability, proficiency, confidence, discipline, judgment, situational awareness and airmanship of future fighter wingmen. In addition, unit members deploy to support fighter syllabus and operational training requirements for Close Air Support and Dissimilar Air Combat Training.

LINEAGE

49 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled and activated, 20 Nov 1946
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 26 Jul 1948
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949
Redesignated 49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 11 Sep 1952
Activated, 1 Nov 1952
Inactivated, 7 Jul 1987
Redesignated 49 Flying Training Squadron, 11 May 1990
Activated, 25 Jun 1990
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1992
Activated, 1 Jul 1993
Redesignated 49 Fighter Training Squadron, 19 May 2003

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941
March Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941 (operated from San Diego, CA, 7–12 Dec 1941)
Hamilton Field, CA, 9 May–16 Jul 1942
Atcham, England, 18 Aug–28 Oct 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 22 Nov 1942
Berteaux, Algeria, 9 Jan 1943
Mediouna, French Morocco, 5 Mar 1943
Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943
El Bathan, Tunisia, 3 Jun 1943
Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 25 Jul 1943
Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943 (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944)
Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945
Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949
Dow AFB, ME, 1 Nov 1952
Laurence G. Hanscom Field, MA, 5 Nov 1955
Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1959–7 Jul 1987
Columbus AFB, MS, 25 Jun 1990–18 Sep 1992
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1993
Moody AFB, GA, 31 Dec 2000
Columbus AFB, MS, 10 May 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

14 Pursuit (later, 14 Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–9 Sep 1945
14 Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949
4711 Defense (later, 4711 Air Defense) Wing, 1 Nov 1952
4707 Air Defense Wing, 5 Nov 1955
32 Air Division, 16 Jun 1956
Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Aug 1958
4727 Air Defense Group, 1 Jul 1959
Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 15 Oct 1959
Boston Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963
35 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966
21 Air Division, 19 Nov 1969
24 Air Division, 23 Sep 1983–7 Jul 1987
14 Flying Training Wing, 25 Jun 1990
14 Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–18 Sep 1992
14 Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993
479 Flying Training Group, 10 Oct 2000
14 Operations Group, 10 May 2007–.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40

P-43
P-66, 1941
P-38, 1941-1945
P-47, 1946-1949
P-84, 1947-1949
F-80, 1952-1953
F-86, 1953-1959
T-33, 1952-1953, 1956-1986
F-89, 1959
F-101, 1959-1968
F-106, 1968-1987
T-38, 1990-1992
AT-38, 1993-2000; T-38, 2000

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt James K. Dowling, 15 Jan 1941
Maj Arman Peterson, 30 Apr 1941
2nd Lt Cowell Van Deventer, 30 Jan 1942-7 Feb 1942
Maj Kenneth S. Wade, 3 May 1942
Capt Paulett Spivey, 10 Jun 1942
Capt Harold E. Lewis, Oct 1942
1st Lt Thomas J. Morris Jr., 5 Dec 1942
1st Lt William J. Hoelle, 30 Dec 1942
1st Lt William G. Newman, 27 Mar 1943
Maj Henry H. Trollope, 10 Jun 1943
Maj B. E. MacKenzie, 21 Sep 1943
Capt John D. Sandifer, 14 Jan 1944
Maj Nathan M. Abbott, 19 Apr 1944
Capt Louis W. Kundrath, 5 Aug 1944
Capt William H. Edwards, Sep 1944
Lt Col Donald W. Nance, 26 Nov 1944-1945
Unkn, 20 Nov 1946
Lt Col George Levan Jr., 21 Dec 1946
Maj John R. Petrovich, 1948-1949
Maj Reginald L. Hays, 1 Nov 1952
Maj Alfred L. Cummings, 1 Oct 1953
Maj James G. Kuntz, 27 Mar 1954
Maj John A. Bell, 1954
Lt Col Robert H. Damico, 1955
Lt Col Norman W. Campion, 5 Aug 1958
Lt Col John A. Bell, 1960
Col Alan G. Long, 1961
Lt Col John A. Nelson, 17 Jul 1961
Lt Col Paul L. Carlisle, 9 Jul 1964

Lt Col Frederick M. O'Conner, 9 Oct 1964
Lt Col Robert F. Herman, 4 Aug 1967
Lt Col Oscar Bayer, 8 Jul 1969
Lt Col Douglas D. Brenner, Apr 1971
Lt Col James W. Vorhies, 30 Jun 1972
Lt Col Kenneth E. Nelle, 30 Jun 1973
Lt Col Howard H. McWhorter Jr., 31 Dec 1973
Lt Col Thomas C. Thompson, 30 Sep 1974
Lt Col Frederick R. Williams, 1 Oct 1975
Lt Col James K. Lowe, Sep 1977
Lt Col Bruce Worrell Jr., Jun 1979
Lt Col Larry L. Wusk, 12 Jun 1981
Lt Col Ardie L. Smith, 17 Apr 1983
Lt Col Steven B. Rogers, 15 Mar 1985
Lt Col Richard D. Rider, 20 Jun 1990
Lt Col Richard W. Peterson, 17 May-18 Sep 1992
Lt Col Kenneth M. Ware, 23 Jul 1993
Lt Col Gregory H. Robinson, 26 Jul 1995
Lt Col Lorin C. Long, 17 Jul 1997
Lt Col Robert C. Nohrn, 17 Dec 1998
Lt Col Kenneth L. Dressel, 12 Oct 1999
Lt Col Douglas W. Miller, 18 Jan 2002
Lt Col Mark G. Connolly, 11 Jul 2003
Lt Col Mark F. Schwarz, 6 May 2005
Lt Col Thomas J. Lennon Jr, 10 May 2007
Lt Col Tor F. Dietrichs, 3 July 2008
Lt Col Chris R. Stricklin, 18 June 2010
Lt Col Neil P. Oakden, 28 Jun 2012
Lt Col Richard M. Martin

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
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 Citation
Austria, 2 Apr 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975
1 Oct 1975–31 Jul 1977
1 Jul–17 Sep 1992
23 Jul 1993–30 Jun 1994
1 Jul–1 Oct 2000
1 Jan 2001–31 Dec 2002
1 Jan 2003–30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2003–30 Jun 2005

EMBLEM



49 Fighter Squadron emblem



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblems



49 Flying Training Squadron emblem



49 Fighter Training Squadron emblem On a disc Vert, a lightning flash bendwise sinister throughout Or surmounted by a knight's helmet Sable, garnished Silver Gray and plumed Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "49 FIGHTER TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The helm embodies the discipline, courage, and integrity of the knight and reflects the formation of those characteristics by the Squadron in development of fighter pilots. The lightning flash represents the striking power of today's Air Force and recalls the unit's heritage by symbolizing the first aircraft used by the unit, the P-38 Lightning. (Approved, 28 Feb 1995; replaced emblems approved, 23 May 1990 and 23 Jul 1954)

MOTTO

Cavaliers

Green Eagles

OPERATIONS

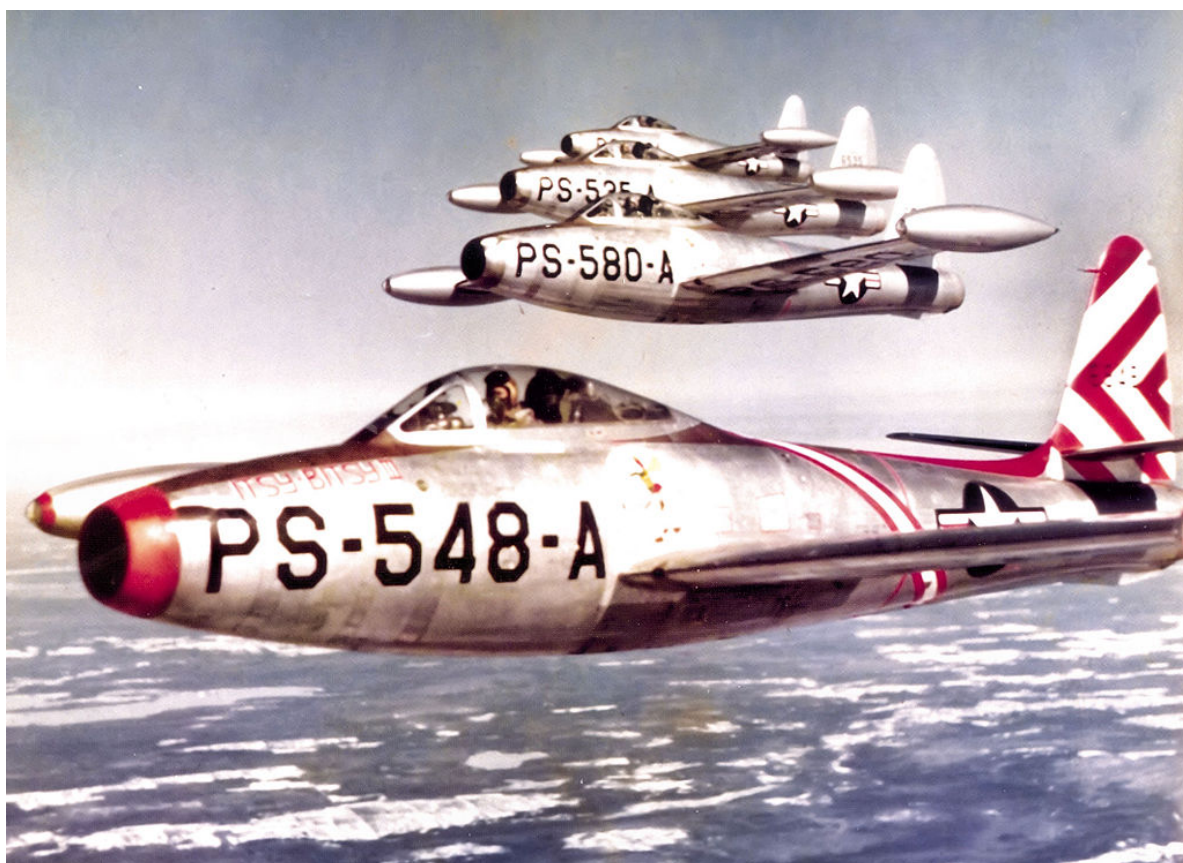
Air defense patrols, 7–12 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 21 Oct 1942–1 May 1945.

Air defense, 1947–1949, and 1952–1987.

Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–1992.



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-86



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-84



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-101



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-106



49 Fighter Training Squadron T-38

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Unit yearbook. *32nd Air Division. 1955.*