

53 FIGHTER WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

53 Troop Carrier Wing constituted, 27 Jul 1942
Activated, 1 Aug 1942
Inactivated, 11 Oct 1945
Redesignated 53 Fighter Wing
Allotted to PA ANG, 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition, 17 Jan 1947
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

STATIONS

General Billy Mitchell Field, WI, 1 Aug 1942
Pope Field, NC, 26 Aug 1942
Ft Sam Houston, TX, 15 Sep 1942
Bergstrom AAFld, TX, 5 Nov 1942
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 15 Apr 1943
Alliance AAFld, NE, 25 Jul 1943
Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 19 Sep 1943
Pope Field, NC, 20 Dec 1943-19 Jan 1944
Greenham Common, England, n Mar 1944
Voisenon, France, 20 Feb-Oct 1945
Camp Shanks, NY, 10-11 Oct 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Col Harold L. Clark, 1 Aug 1942
Brig Gen Maurice M. Beach, 22 Aug 1942-1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through an ultramarine blue disc, within a light blue annulet, piped gold, a torch of liberty fired proper, handle of torch formed of open parachute argent, surmounted by a C-47 transport plane or, in flight, in front of flames of torch; on the field eight mullets or, arranged five to dexter, three to sinister. (Approved, 6 Apr 1943)

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OPERATIONS

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