

# 87<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

87<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 14 May 1943  
Activated, 1 Jun 1943  
Inactivated, 22 Sep 1945  
Redesignated 87<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 10 May 1949  
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active service, 10 March 1951  
Inactivated, 14 March 1951  
Redesignated 87<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 26 May 1952  
Activated in the reserve, 15 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957

## STATIONS

Baer Field, IN, 1 Jun 1943  
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 11 Jun 1943  
Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 30 Oct 1943  
Baer Field, IN, 15-28 Jan 1944  
Langar, England, Feb 1944  
Greenham Common, England, Mar 1944 (operated from Canino Airfield, Italy, 20 Jul-23 Aug 1944)  
Prosnes, France, Feb 1945  
Amiens/Glisy, France, May-Aug 1945  
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 21-22 Sep 1945  
Offutt AFB, NE, 27 Jun 1949-14 Mar 1951  
General Billy Mitchell Field, WI, 15 Jun 1952  
Milwaukee, WI, 5 Jan 1953-16 Nov 1957

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

438<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jun 1943-22 Sep 1945

438<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-14 Mar 1951

438<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Group, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47, 1943-1945

C-47A

C-47B

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

France, [6-7] Jun 1944

#### **EMBLEM**

Over and through a light turquoise blue disc, border orange, piped white, a caricatured figure in paratrooper's dress, proper, riding a light red skyrocket shaded dark red, traveling at high speed from sinister base to dexter chief, leaving exhaust trail yellow orange and orange, all emitting white speed lines toward rear. (Approved, 3 Apr 1944)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne;

transportation of cargo and personnel in ETO and MTO during World War II.

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