

94 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

94 Aero Squadron organized, 20 Aug 1917

Redesignated 94 Squadron (Pursuit), 14 Mar 1921

Redesignated 94 Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

103 Aero Squadron organized, 31 Aug 1917

Demobilized, 18 Aug 1919

94 Pursuit Squadron and 103 Aero Squadron consolidated, 8 Apr 1924

Redesignated 94 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 94 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter), 12 Mar 1941

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944

Inactivated, 16 Oct 1945

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 5 Apr 1946

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, 20 Jun 1946

Activated, 3 Jul 1946

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 15 Jun 1948

Redesignated 94 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 16 Apr 1950

Redesignated 94 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1971

Redesignated 94 Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

STATIONS

103 Aero

Kelly Field, TX, 31 Aug 1917
Garden City, NY, 5–23 Nov 1917
Winchester, England, 8–23 Dec 1917
Issoudun, France, 24 Dec 1917
La Noblette, France, 18 Feb 1918
Bonne Maison (near Fismes), France, 10 Apr 1918
Bray Dunes, France, 2 May 1918
Leffrinckoucke, France, 5 May 1918
Crochte, France, 8 Jun 1918
Toul, France, 4 Jul 1918
Vaucouleurs, France, 7 Aug 1918
Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 1918
Foucaucourt, France, 6 Nov 1918
Colombey-les-Belles, France, 5 Jun 1919
Brest, France, 6–19 Feb 1919
Garden City, NY, 4–18 Mar 1919

94 Aero (later, 94 Pursuit)

Kelly Field, TX, 20 Aug 1917
Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5–27 Oct 1917
Paris, France, 18 Nov 1917
Issoudun, France, 24 Jan 1918
Villeneuve-les-Vertus, France, 5 Mar 1918
Epiez, France, 1 Apr 1918
Toul, France, 7 Apr 1918
Touquin, France, 30 Jun 1918
Saints, France, 9 Jul 1918
Rembercourt, France, 1 Sep 1918
Noers (near Longuyon), France, 20 Nov 1918
Coblentz, Germany, 31 Dec 1918
Colombey-les-Belles, France, 17 Apr 1919
Le Mans, France, 5–18 May 1919
Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Jun 1919
Selfridge Field, MI, 27 Jun 1919
Kelly Field, TX, 31 Aug 1919
Ellington Field, TX, 1 Jul 1921
Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jul 1922 to consolidation.

Consolidated Squadron

Selfridge Field, MI, from consolidation in 1924
San Diego NAS, CA, 9 Dec 1941
Long Beach, CA, 6 Feb–20 May 1942

Kirton in Lindsey, England, 10 Jun 1942
Ibsley, England, 27 Aug–24 Oct 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942
Nouvion, Algeria, 21 Nov 1942
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 28 Nov 1942 (detachments operated from Maison Blanche, Algeria, 6–14 Dec 1942)
Biskra, Tunisia, 14 Dec 1942
Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 14 Feb 1943
Mateur, Tunisia, 20 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Dittaino, Sicily, 6–18 Sep 1943, and Gambut, Libya, 4–12 Oct 1943)
Djedeida, Tunisia, 1 Nov 1943
Monserrato, Sardinia, 29 Nov 1943
Gioia del Colle, Italy, 10 Dec 1943
Salsola, Italy, Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Aghione, Corsica, 10–18 Aug 1944, and Vincenzo, Italy, 9 Jan–18 Feb 1945)
Lesina, Italy, 16 Mar 1945
Marcianise, Italy, 26 Sep–16 Oct 1945
March Field (later, AFB), CA, 3 Jul 1946
George AFB, CA, 18 Jul 1950
Selfridge AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955
Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 31 Dec 1969
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1971
Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Ladd Field, AK, 13 Oct 1947–16 Feb 1948
Osan AB, South Korea, 6 Jun–17 Nov 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

103 Aero

Unkn, 31 Aug 1917–Jul 1918
2 Pursuit Group, Jul 1918
3 Pursuit Group, Aug 1918–Jan 1919

94 Aero (later, 94 Pursuit)

Unkn, 20 Aug 1917–Mar 1918
1 Pursuit Organization and Training Center, Mar 1918
1 Pursuit Group, 5 May–Nov 1918
Third Army, Nov 1918–Apr 1919
unkn, Apr–Aug 1919
1 Pursuit Group, 22 Aug 1919 to consolidation

Consolidated Squadron

1 Pursuit (later, 1 Fighter) Group, from consolidation in 1924 to 16 Oct 1945

1 Fighter (later, 1 Fighter Interceptor) Group, 3 Jul 1946
4705 Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952
27 Air Division, 1 Mar 1952
1 Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955
1 Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961
23 Air Division, 1 Dec 1969
1 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971
1 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991

ATTACHMENTS

Alaskan Air Command, 13 Oct 1947–16 Feb 1948
314 Air Division, 6 Jun–17 Nov 1969

WEAPON SYSTEMS

103 Aero

Spad VII, 1918
Spad XIII, 1918

94 Aero (later, 94 Pursuit)

Nieuport 28, 1918
Spad XIII, 1918–1919
Fokker D–VII
Albatros D–V
Pfalz D–III
Roland D–VI
SE–5, 1919–1922
JN–4
JN–6
DH–4
Orenco D
PW–5
MB–3, 1922–1924

Consolidated Squadron:

MB–3, 1924–1925
MB–3A
PW–8, 1924–1926
P–1, 1925–1931
P–1A
P–1B
P–1C
P–2
P–3
P–5, 1926–1931

P-12, 1930-1932
P-6, 1932
P-16, 1932-1934
P-26
P-30 (PB-2), 1934-1938
P-35, 1934-1941
P-36, 1938-1940
P-40 (and probably P-43), 1939-1941
P-38, 1941-1945
P-80, 1946-1949
F-86, 1949-1960
F-106, 1960-1971
F-4, 1971-1975
F-15, 1976

COMMANDERS

103 Aero
Lt White, 31 Aug 1917
1st Lt Phocion S. Park, Jr., 21 Sep 1917
Maj William Thaw, 18 Feb 1918
Capt Robert L. Rockwell, 29 Jul 1918
Capt Robert Soubiran, 18 Oct 1918- 18 Aug 1919

94 Aero
1st Lt J. Bayard Smith, 20 Aug 1917
Capt Henry L. Lyster, by Mar 1917
Maj John W. F. Huffer, 7 Mar 1918
Maj Kenneth Marr, 9 Jun 1918
1st Lt Alfred A. Grant, Aug 1918
Capt Edward V. Rickenbacker, 25 Sep 1918
Maj Reed M. Chambers, 26 Dec 1918-unkn
1st Lt Samuel G. Frierson, Dec 1920
Capt Byrne V. Baucom, 17 Mar 1921
1st Lt Willard S. Clark, 16 May 1921
Capt Lawrence P. Hickey, 19 Jul 1921
1st Lt Donald A. Hicks, 15 Aug 1921
Capt Byrne V. Baucom, 30 Oct 1921
1st Lt Sam L. Ellis, 21 Jun 1922
Capt Frank O'D. Hunter, 3 Jul 1922
1st Lt Sam L. Ellis, 19 Oct 1922
1st Lt Frank O'D. Hunter, 19 Jul 1923

Consolidated Squadron
1st Lt Sam L. Ellis, 1 Apr 1925

1st Lt Stanton T. Smith, 2 Sep 1925
1st Lt St. Clair Streett, 22 Aug 1926
2nd Lt. Luther S. Smith, 1 Oct 1926
Capt Hugh M. Elmendorf, 6 Nov 1926
1st Lt John K. Cannon, 13 Jun 1928
Capt Harry A. Johnson, 12 Jan 1929
Capt Audrey B. Ballard, 14 Jul 1932
1st Lt Earle E. Partridge, 16 Nov 1933
Capt Audrey B. Ballard, 12 Mar 1934
1st Lt Earle E. Partridge, 4 Jun 1934
Maj Edwin J. House, 23 Oct 1934
Capt Leo H. Dawson, 1 Sep 1936
1st Lt Edward W. Anderson, 26 Jun 1938
Maj Harold H. George, 28 Jul 1938
Maj John R. Hawkins, 1 Feb 1940
1st Lt Ralph S. Garman, 9 Dec 1941
Maj Glenn E. Hubbard, 30 Jun 1942
Capt James Harman, 6 Mar 1943
Capt (Unkn) Sutcliffe, 17 Apr 1943
Maj (Unkn) Wellensiek, 1 Jul 1943
Capt (Unkn) Hagenback, 27 Sep 1943
Capt William L. Jacobsen, 24 Jan 1944
Capt Edward La Clare, 28 Apr 1944 (Acting)
Lt Col Francis H. Harris, 20 Jul 1944
Lt Col Harry L. Culberson, 21 May 1945-Unkn
Lt Col Robert L. Petit, Jul 1946
Lt Col Donald E. Hillman, 20 Aug 1946
Maj James Lemmon, 1 Jun 1949
Lt Col John G. Benner, 18 Jun 1950
Maj Louis A. Green, 30 Jun 1951
Maj Donald P. Buchanan, 6 Sep 1951 (Acting)
Maj Louis A. Green, Oct 1951
Lt Col Jack R. Best, 10 Nov 1951
Lt Col James B. Raebel, By Dec 1952
Lt Col Frank B. Rinn, Sep 1954-Unkn
Lt Col Edward S. Popek, Jan 1958
Lt Col John W. Lafko, 1 Jul 1960
Lt Col Richard G. Cross Jr., 17 Jul 1962
Lt Col Hugh J. Martin, 1 Jun 1965
Maj Leslie J. Hauer, 30 Mar 1966 (Temporary)
Col Hugh J. Martin, 22 May 1966
Lt Col Joseph F. Olshefski, Jul 1967
Lt Col Ewell D. Wainwright, 1 Dec 1969
Unkn, Jan-Jun 1971

Lt Col Donald W. Martin, 1 Jul 1971
Lt Col James D. Shepherd, 28 Aug 1972
Lt Col John D. Parker, 19 Mar 1973
Lt Col William M. Dalton, 30 May 1974
Lt Col Henry M. Yochum li, 2 Mar-29 Jun 1975
None (Not Manned), 30 Jun 1975-31 Jul 1976
Lt Col John R. Britt, 1 Aug 1976
Lt Col John L. Borling, 7 Jul 1978
Lt Col Jimmy L. Cash, 20 Apr 1979
Lt Col Thomas J. Barber, 20 Mar 1981
Lt Col William A. Goodrich, 19 Feb 1982
Lt Col Ronald T. McBride, 17 Feb 1983
Lt Col Paul V. Hester, 20 Nov 1984
Lt Col Orvil R. Hause, 31 Oct 1986
Lt Col Ronald A. Dorenbush, 7 Jan 1988
Lt Col James B. Smith, 29 Aug 1989
Lt Col Daniel P. Griffin, 9 Nov 1990
Lt Col Dennis G. Krembel, 22 Apr 1992
Lt Col Michael L. Straight, 11 Jun 1993
Lt Col Stephen J. Miller, 17 Jun 1994
Lt Col Timothy L. Wolters, 8 Dec 1995
Lt Col David M. Rhodes, 12 Apr 1996 (Temporary)
Lt Col Timothy L. Wolters, 12 Jun 1996
Lt Col Thomas Dietz, 9 Jan 1998
Lt Col Brett T. Williams, 16 May 1999
Lt Col Kevin L. Martin, 17 Nov 2000
Lt Col Michael E. Tallent, 9 Jun 2002
Lt Col Scott Maw, 13 Feb 2004
Lt Col Dirk D. Smith, 15 Jul 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War I

Champagne (earned by 94 Aero and 103 Aero)

Lorraine (earned by 94 Aero and 103 Aero)

Flanders (earned by 103 Aero)

Ile-de-France (earned by 94 Aero)

Champagne-Marne (earned by 94 Aero)

Oise-Aisne (earned by 94 Aero)

Aisne-Marne (earned by 94 Aero)

St Mihiel (earned by 94 Aero and 103 Aero)

Meuse-Argonne (earned by 94 Aero and 103 Aero)

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Egypt-Libya

Air Offensive, Europe

Algeria-French Morocco (with Arrowhead for ground echelon only)

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Southwest Asia: Southwest Asia Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Italy, 25 Aug 1943

Italy, 30 Aug 1943

Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984

16 Jun 1984–15 Jun 1986

1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2000-31 May 2001

French Croix de Guerre with Palm (awarded to 94 Aero)

French Croix de Guerre with Two Palms (awarded to 103 Aero)

French Fourragere (awarded to 103 Aero)

EMBLEM



94: Within a Red circle in perspective, long axis vertical, Uncle Sam's top hat, upper portion, Blue background with White stars [pointing to dexter base]; middle portion, Red and White stripes; brim, White [pointing to sinister chief]; sweat band, Brown; inside of hat, Dark Blue. The 94 was officially the first American squadron representing the American air forces to arrive on the Western Front. The design was adopted because it was symbolic of Uncle Sam throwing his hat into the ring. (Approved, 15 Nov 1919 from World War I emblem; canceled and replaced with emblem based on Lafayette Escadrille, 6 May 1924; original emblem reinstated 9 Jul 1942 Approved, 1994)

The Squadron insignia, Hat-in-the-Ring, suggested by Capt Paul M. Walters, Med. Corps Surgeon, was adopted, and Lieutenant Wentworth was assigned the task of drawing the proposed insignia. The squadron was previously using the 103's emblem. 20 Mar 1918

First appearance of the Hat-In-The -Ring insignia, which was suggested by Capt Paul H. Walters, Medical Corps, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the design of which was drawn by 1st Lieutenant John Wentworth. 10 Apr 1918

The One Hundred Third Squadron was represented by another Indian head with a large war bonnet decorated with a swastika.

The 'Indian Head' symbol was originally the combat insignia of the Lafayette Escadrille, those young American pilots who flew for France prior to the United States entry into WWI. When ultimately transferred into the U.S. Army Air Service as #, the 103 Aero Sqdn, this insignia went with them as that unit's insignia. The 103 was subsequently consolidated with the 94 Aero Sqdn which had already adopted the 'Hat In The Ring' devise. This latter design was finally adopted as the official insignia of the 94 in 1919 only to again be replaced by the Indian Head motif in 1924. Just prior to the groups deployment overseas in 1942, former 94 Aero Sqdn Ace, Capt Eddie Rickenbacker successfully lobbied for the reinstatement of the 'Hat In The Ring' symbol as the official Group insignia of the 94 Fighter Squadron.

MOTTO

HAT IN THE RING

OPERATIONS