

## 325 FIGHTER WING



### MISSION

The 325 Fighter Wing's primary mission is to train and project unrivaled combat power. The wing trains and prepares F-22 Raptor pilots, intelligence officers, and maintainers for assignment to combat Air Force units. The 325 Fighter Wing flies F-22 Raptor and T-38 Talon aircraft and sustains ready forces for worldwide deployment in support of combat operations. Wing personnel manage the southeastern air combat maneuvering instrumentation range and provide mission-ready F-22 air dominance forces in support of the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command/First Air Force contingency plans.

The 325 FW is host to 19 tenant organizations from multiple Major Commands and across several military mission sets located at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The wing is comprised of the 325 Operations Group, 325 Maintenance Group, 325 Mission Support Group and 325 Medical Group.

### LINEAGE

325 Fighter Wing, All-Weather established, 10 May 1948  
Activated, 9 Jun 1948  
Redesignated 325 Fighter All-Weather Wing, 20 Jan 1950  
Redesignated 325 Fighter Interceptor Wing, 1 May 1951  
Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952  
Redesignated 325 Fighter Wing (Air Defense), 14 Sep 1956  
Activated, 18 Oct 1956  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1968  
Redesignated 325 Fighter Weapons Wing, 17 Jun 1981  
Activated, 1 Jul 1981  
Redesignated 325 Tactical Training Wing, 15 Oct 1983

325 Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1991

### **STATIONS**

Hamilton AFB, CA, 9 Jun 1948

Moses Lake AFB, WA, 23 Nov 1948

McChord AFB, WA, 20 Apr 1950–6 Feb 1952

McChord AFB, WA, 18 Oct 1956–1 Jul 1968

Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1981

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Fourth Air Force, 9 Jun 1948

Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950–6 Feb 1952

25 Air Division (Defense) (later, 25 Air Division [SAGE]), 18 Oct 1956

Seattle Air Defense Sector, 10 Feb 1960

25 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–1 Jul 1968

USAF Air Defense Weapons Center, 1 Jul 1981

First Air Force, 12 Sep 1991

Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–31 Jul 1950

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-61, 1948

F-82, 1948–1951

F-94, 1950–1952

C-54, 1950

F-51, 1951–1952

F-86, 1956–1957

F-102, 1956–1960

F-106, 1960–1968

F-101, 1981–1982

F-106, 1981–1984

T-33, 1981–1988

TF/QF/PQM-102, 1981–1983

QF-100, 1982–1983

F-15, 1983

F-22

### **COMMANDERS**

Col George L. Usher, 9 Jun 1948–unkn

Col Harold E. Kofahl, Nov 1948

Col Thomas A. Bennett, 26 Jul 1949

Col Phillip E. Tukey, Jr., 14 Nov 1951

Col Thomas A. Bennett, 26 Nov 1951–6 Feb 1952  
Col Henry L. Crouch, Jr., 18 Oct 1956–unkn  
Col James C. Stewart, Jun 1957  
Col Vernone L. Stintzi, 10 Jul 1957  
Col Henry S. Tyler, Jr., 6 Jun 1958  
Col Charles W. King, 8 Jul 1958  
Col James F. Reed, 15 Feb 1960  
Col Donavon F. Smith, 5 Dec 1960  
Col Jack E. McKee, Jul 1962  
Col Dean Davenport, 28 Jul 1962  
Col Louis W. Ford, 3 Aug 1965  
Col Harry L. Downing, 21 Oct 1966–1 Jul 1968  
Col John E. Jaquish, 1 Jul 1981  
Col Jerry E. Smith, 18 Apr 1983  
Col H. Hale Burr, Jr., 9 Apr 1985  
Col Richard B. Myers, 3 Sep 1986  
Col Arnold R. Thomas, Jr., 3 Jun 1987  
Col Joseph M. Henderson, Jr., 5 Apr 1989  
Col David L. Yates, 21 Mar 1991  
BG Clinton V. Horn, 31 Jul 1992  
BG John H. Campbell, 30 May 1995  
BG Gary M. Rubus, 14 May 1997  
Col Michael E. Slinkard, 8 Sep 1998  
BG Walter E. Buchanan III, 20 Dec 1998  
BG William F. Hodgkins, 1 Aug 2000  
BG Larry D. New, 12 Jul 2002  
BG Jack B. Egginton, 27 Jul 2004  
BG James Browne  
Col Michael Hernandez  
Col David Graff

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1967–1 Mar 1968

1 Jul 1981– 31 Mar 1983

1 Jun 1983–31 May 1985  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997  
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999  
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

### **Bestowed Honors**

Authorized to display honors earned by the 325 Operations Group prior to 9 Jun 1948

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Tunisia  
Sicily  
Naples-Foggia  
Anzio  
Rome-Arno  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Po Valley  
Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Sardinia, 30 Jul 1943  
Italy, 30 Jan 1944

#### **EMBLEM**



Per fess, Sable and Azure, a fess arched and nebuly to chief Argent; overall a lightning flash issuing from dexter chief bendwise Or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. (Approved, 5 Mar 1957)

**MOTTO**

LOCARE ET LIQUIDARE—Locate and liquidate

**NICKNAME**

Checkertail Clan

**OPERATIONS**

Air defense of the US west coast, 1948–1952 and 1956–1968.

During 1950, controlled a troop carrier squadron and from 6 May 1950 to 8 Jun 1951, provided training for elements of a troop carrier wing.

From 9 Feb to 1 Jul 1968, operated a large detachment at Osan AB, South Korea, to provide air defense.

Provided Air Defense Weapons Center operational and technical advice on air defense and tactics, 1981–1983.

Tested and evaluated new air defense equipment, including use of the PQM–102 and QF–100, former operational aircraft modified to function as manned/unmanned drones.

In Oct 1983, the wing assumed a new mission: qualification training of tactical aircrews.

Beginning 1983, deployed T–33 and later, F–15 aircraft to USAF, Air National Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy air units to provide electronic countermeasures and dissimilar air combat training and to increase aircrew combat proficiency.

Performed alert duties, 1988–1990, intercepting unidentified aircraft and assisting the US Drug

Enforcement Agency in anti-smuggling efforts.

Became host unit at Tyndall AFB on 1 Sep 1991.

The first five combat-coded F-22 Raptors transferring from Holloman AFB, N.M., to Tyndall AFB, Fla., landed at their new home on Jan. 6. "The 95th Fighter Squadron showing up represents a new era," said 325 Fighter Wing Commander Col. David Graff. "No combat aviation unit has ever deployed out of Tyndall. . . . Now, we will have the largest collection of F-22s in the world and [we] will stand ready to project air power and defend our nation's freedom." Tyndall is expected to receive several Raptors a month, with the last of the 24 jets arriving in April, according to a base release. "Unfortunately, we had a delay of a year, but today we were able to successfully bring in the first wave of aircraft," said 95th Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Erick Gilbert. The transition is expected to add about 1,100 uniformed personnel to Tyndall, he noted. 2014