

426th TACTICAL FIGHTER TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

426th Night Fighter Squadron constituted, 8 Dec 1943

Activated, 1 Jan 1944

Inactivated, 5 Nov 1945

Redesignated 426th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron and activated, 18 Jan 1970

Inactivated, 29 Nov 1990

STATIONS

Hammer Field, CA, 1 Jan 1944

Delano AAFld, CA, 31 Mar-15 Jun 1944

Madhaiganj, India, 9 Aug 1944

Chengtou, China, 5 Nov 1944 (detachments operated from Kunming, China, Nov-25 Dec 1944;

Hsian, China, 27 Nov 1944-17 Aug 1945)

Shwangliu, China, Mar 1945 (detachments operated from Liangshan, China, Apr-13 Aug 1945;

Ankang, China, Apr-21 Aug 1945)

India, Sep-Oct 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 3-5 Nov 1945

Luke AFB, AZ, 18 Jan 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

IV Fighter Command, 1 Jan 1944

481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 7 Feb 1944

Tenth Air Force, 11 Jun 1944

AAF, India-Burma Sector, 22 Aug 1944

Fourteenth Air Force, Nov 1944-5 Nov 1945

58th Tactical Fighter Training Wing/Tactical Training Wing 1970-Jan 81
405th Tactical Training Wg Jan 1981-29 Nov 1990

ATTACHMENTS

312th Fighter Wing, Feb-5 Nov 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-70, 1944
P-61, 1944-1945
P-61A
F-4C
F-15

COMMANDERS

Maj William C. Hellriegel, 1 Jan 1944-5 Nov 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

China Defensive
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



426th Night Fighter Squadron emblem: On an ultramarine blue disc, within a border light red, a

dexter skeleton hand gold, holding in the finger tips a cat's eyeball white, flecked with veins of red, having a pupil green and iris yellow orange, surmounted by a silhouette, single-engine aircraft of the field. (Approved, 8 Jun 1944)



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OPERATIONS

Combat in CBI, 21 Nov 1944-13 Aug 1945

First P-61 received: Sept. 25, 1944

First enemy aircraft destroyed by P-61 crew: Oct. 29, 1944

Squadron total enemy aircraft destroyed by P-61 crews: 5

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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