

## 722 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

722 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943  
Activated, 1 May 1943  
Redesignated 722 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945  
Inactivated, 15 Oct 1945  
Redesignated 722 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 31 Mar 1954  
Activated, 1 Jul 1954  
Redesignated 722 Fighter-Day Squadron, 8 Mar 1955  
Redesignated 722 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958  
Inactivated, 18 Dec 1958

#### STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 May 1943  
Clovis AAB, NM, 21 May 1943  
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 8 Jul-26 Nov 1943  
Manduria, Italy, 2 Jan 1944-16 May 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 31 May 1945  
Harvard AAFld, NE, 24 Jul-15 Oct 1945  
Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954-18 Dec 1958

#### ASSIGNMENTS

450 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-15 Oct 1945  
450 Fighter Bomber (later Fighter-Day) Group, 1 Jul 1954  
450 Fighter Day (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 11 Dec 1957-18 Dec 1958

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1943-1945

B-29, 1945

F-86, 1954-1955

F-100, 1955-1958

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Andrew J. Ritchey, #1955

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Regensburg, Germany, 25 Feb 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 5 Apr 1944

## **EMBLEM**



On a shield Air Force yellow, within a border black, a black diamond, orled of the first color, debriused by a winged leopard rampant proper (Approved, 20 Jun 1955)

#### **MOTTO**

FORTUNA FAVET FORTIBUS: Fortune Favors the Bold

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in MTO and ETO, 9 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945.

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#### Sources

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