

## 36 WING



### MISSION

As the host unit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the 36 Wing mission is to provide a US-based lethal warfighting platform for the employment, deployment, reception and throughput of air and space forces in the Asia-Pacific region. The wing comprises the 36 Operations Group, 36 Mission Support Group, 36 Maintenance Group, 36 Medical Group and 36 Contingency Response Group.

### LINEAGE

36 Fighter Wing, established, 17 Jun 1948  
Activated, 2 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 36 Fighter Bomber Wing, 20 Jan 1950  
Redesignated 36 Fighter-Day Wing, 9 Aug 1954  
Redesignated 36 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1958  
Redesignated 36 Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1991  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994  
Redesignated 36 Air Base Wing and activated, 1 Oct 1994  
Redesignated 36 Wing, 15 Mar 2006

### STATIONS

Howard AFB, Canal Zone, 2-25 Jul 1948  
Furstenfeldbruck (later, Furstenfeldbruck AB), Germany, 13 Aug 1948  
Bitburg AB, Germany, 13 Dec 1952-1 Oct 1994  
Andersen AFB, Guam, 1 Oct 1994

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Caribbean Air Command, 2 Jul 1948  
United States Air Forces in Europe, 13 Aug 1948  
2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 10 Oct 1949  
Twelfth Air Force, 7 May 1951  
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958  
Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959-1 Oct 1994  
Thirteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994

## **ATTACHMENTS**

6<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 2-28 Jul 1948  
Air Division, 6-17 Sep 1949  
Flight A, HQ Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 7-20 May 1951  
Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 21 May 1951-26 Apr 1953  
United States Air Forces in Europe [Advanced Echelon], 1 Jan 1958-14 Nov 1959

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-80, 1948-1950  
F-84, 1950-1953  
F-86, 1953-1956  
F-100, 1956-1961  
F-105, 1961-1966  
F-4, 1966-1977  
F-102, 1968-1969  
EB-66, 1969-1971  
F-15, 1977-1994  
B-17, 1948  
B/RB-26, 1948-1949  
Matador, 1955-1956  
Mace, 1965-1969  
RF-4, 1977  
A-7, 1977

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Henry R. Spicer, 2 Jul 1948 (Additional Duty)  
Col Malcolm N. Stewart, 13 Aug 1948  
Col John C. Crosthwaite, 16 Sep 1948  
Col Hubert Zemke, 2 Nov 1949  
Col Thomas K. Hampton, 10 Nov 1949  
Col Richard A. Legg, 3 Dec 1949  
Col Robert L. Scott Jr., 1 Mar 1951  
Col Thomas B. Whitehouse, 30 May 1953  
Col William H. Dick, 5 Jun 1954

Col Roy R. Brischetto, 17 Aug 1954  
Col William H. Dick, 11 Jan 1955  
Col John A. Brooks Iii, 7 Feb 1955  
Brig Gen Walter B. Putnam, 21 Jul 1956  
Col James D. Berry, 10 Jun 1960  
Brig Gen Robert L. Delashaw, 18 Jul 1960  
Col John H. Buckner, C. 11 Jun 1963  
Brig Gen Gordon F. Blood, 11 Jul 1963  
Col James F. Hackler, Jr., 22 Aug 1964  
Col Benjamin B. Cassiday Jr., 6 Aug 1966  
Col Charles C. Pattillo, 12 May 1967  
Col Joseph C. Secino, 26 Mar 1968  
Col Richard G. Cross Jr., 15 May 1968  
Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 15 Jun 1969  
Brig Gen Edwin W. Robertson Ii, 19 Nov 1969  
Col Billy F. Rogers, 8 Oct 1971  
Brig Gen Don H. Payne, 25 May 1972  
Brig Gen Frederick C. Kyler, 31 Jul 1974  
Col Perry M. Smith, 31 May 1978  
Col Harold N. Campbell, 28 Feb 1979  
Col Marcus A. Anderson, 15 Jan 1981  
Col Richard L. Craft, 12 Jul 1982  
Brig Gen Larry R. Keith, 26 Mar 1984  
Col Peter D. Robinson, 25 Jan 1985  
Col John A. Warden Iii, 19 Aug 1987  
Col Jeffrey G. Cliver, 22 Jan 1988  
Col John A. Judd, 4 Oct 1989  
Col Ronald E. Keys, 11 Jul 1991  
Col Jerry D. Hokkannen, 3 Aug 1992  
Brig Gen Roger E. Carleton, 7 Oct 1992-Sep 1994  
Col Dennis R. Larsen, 1 Oct 1994  
Col John M. Deloney, 7 Aug 1995  
Col William W. Hodges, 21 Feb 1997  
Col Mark D. Gehri, 4 Feb 1999  
Col Bernard H. Fullenkamp, 9 Jun 2000  
Col Joseph F. Mudd Jr., 7 Jun 2002  
Col Paul K. White, Jan 2004  
Col Michael Boera, Jun 200  
Brig Gen Douglas H. Owens, Oct 2006

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Southwest Asia  
Defense of Saudi Arabia;  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1] May 1956-[1] May 1958

1 Jan- 31 Dec 1968

1 Dec 1973-30 Apr 1975

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

1 Jul 1977- 30 Jun 1979

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

1 Sep 1990- 31 Jul 1991

30 Jun 1992-1 Jul 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1996

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999

1 Sep 2000-31 Aug 2002

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

#### **Bestowed Honors**

Authorized to display honors earned by the 36 Operations Group prior to 2 Jul 1948

#### **Service Streamers**

##### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

France, 1 Sep 1944

Germany, 12 Apr 1945

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army  
1 Oct-17 Dec 1944  
18 Dec 1944-15 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

Luxembourg Croix de Guerre [1944 ]-1945

**EMBLEM**







Approved, 19 Jun 1940 for 36 Group and, 17 Jul 1952 for 36 Wing.

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Wing headquarters activated in the Canal Zone but was not manned because of pending movement to Europe.

The 36 Fighter Wing activated 2 Jul 1948, and the 36 Fighter Group was assigned to the wing, with the group forming the nucleus of the wing. The wing was assigned to Furstenfeldbruck Air Base, West Germany.

Formed the Skyblazers aerial demonstration team in May 1949 and controlled it until Aug 1952, and again from Oct 1956 to Jan 1962.

In addition to its primary installation (Bitburg AB, Germany), the wing controlled Oberpfaffenhofen AB, Germany, Dec 1949-Feb 1950, and Spangdahlem AB, Germany, Sep 1969-Dec 1971.

Assumed logistical responsibility for Ground Launched Cruise Missile base closure at Florennes, Belgium in 1989, arranging and accompanying Soviet Inspection Team visits to insure compliance with Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Deployed 53d Fighter Squadron, additional pilots and aircraft from the 22d and 525th Fighter Squadrons, and support personnel to Southwest Asia, Dec 1990- Jul 1991, to assist in UN operations to liberate Kuwait. Wing pilots were credited with seventeen enemy combat aircraft destroyed.

Maintained Andersen AFB manpower, facilities, and equipment to support airlift and strategic and tactical staging operations, 1 Oct 1994.

In September 1996, the wing provided around-the-clock forward-deployment support to Air Combat Command B-52s during their operation Desert Strike missions over Iraq, and began hosting more than 6,600 Kurdish evacuees during the 8-month humanitarian assistance mission, Joint Task Force Pacific Haven.

In 2004, the 36 Air Base Wing became the 36 Air Expeditionary Wing. As the host unit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the 36 Air Expeditionary Wing has an expansive mission that relies on the Team Andersen concept to provide the highest quality peacetime and wartime support to project global power and reach from our vital location in the Pacific. The wing's goals are based on its vision – Pacific center for power projection, regional cooperation and multinational training.

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