

71 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

71 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 14 Dec 1940
Activated, 1 Jan 1941
Redesignated 71 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter), 12 Mar 1941
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944
Inactivated, 16 Oct 1945
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 5 Apr 1946
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, 20 Jun 1946
Activated, 3 Jul 1946
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 15 Jun 1948
Redesignated 71 Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, 16 Apr 1950
Redesignated 71 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1971
Redesignated 71 Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Jan 1940

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

San Diego NAS, CA, 9 Dec 1941
Los Angeles, CA, 12 Feb–20 May 1942
Goxhill, England, 10 Jun 1942
Ibsley, England, 24 Aug–23 Oct 1942
St Leu, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 14 Nov 1942
Nouvion, Algeria, 21 Nov 1942
Maison Blanche, Algeria, 17 Dec 1942
Biskra, Algeria, 22 Dec 1942
Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria, 16 Feb 1943
Mateur, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Gerbini, Sicily, 5–18 Sep 1943, and
Gambut, Libya, 5–15 Oct 1943)
Djedeida, Tunisia, 31 Oct 1943
Monserrato, Sardinia, 29 Nov 1943
Gioia del Colle, Italy, 8 Dec 1943
Salsola, Italy, 9 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Aghione, Corsica, 11–21 Aug 1944, and
Vincenzo, Italy, 10 Jan–18 Feb 1945)
Lesina, Italy, 14 Mar 1945
Marcianise, Italy, 26 Sep–16 Oct 1945
March Field, CA, 3 Jul 1946
George AFB, CA, 18 Jul 1950
Griffiss AFB, NY, 15 Aug 1950
Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 21 Oct 1950
Selfridge AFB, MI, 18 Aug 1955
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 16 Jan 1967
Malmstrom AFB, MT, 18 Jul 1968
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1971
Langley AFB, VA, 30 Jun 1975

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Osan AB, South Korea, c. 22 Dec 1968–c. 9 Jun 1969
King Abdul Aziz AB, Saudi Arabia, 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Pursuit (later, 1st Fighter) Group, 1 Jan 1941–16 Oct 1945
1st Fighter (later, 1st Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 3 Jul 1946
4708th Defense (later, 4708th Air Defense) Wing, 6 Feb 1952
500th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953
1st Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955
1st Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961
328th Fighter Wing, 16 Jan 1967
28th Air Division, 18 Jul 1968
24th Air Division, 19 Nov 1969
1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1971

1st Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991

ATTACHMENTS

Eastern Air Defense Force, 15 Aug–24 Oct 1950

30th Air Division, 25 Oct 1950–3 Jun 1951

103rd Fighter Interceptor Group, 4 Jun 1951–6 Feb 1952

314th Air Division, c. 22 Dec 1968–c. 9 Jun 1969

1st Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional), 7 Aug 1990–8 Mar 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-35, 1941

YP-43, 1941

P-38, 1941–1945

P-38D

P-38E

P-38F

P-38G

P-38H

P-38J

P-38L

P-80, 1946–1949

P-80A

P-80B

F-86, 1949–1958

F-86A

F-102A, 1958–1960

F-106A, 1960–1971

F-4, 1971–1975

F-15, 1976

COMMANDERS

Capt Jack W. Hickman, 1 Jan 1941

1lt Frederick C. Grambo, Jul 1941

Capt Raymond F. Rudell, 1 Feb 1942

Capt John D. Eiland Jr., 9 Mar 1943-Unkn

Lt Col Horace A. Hanes, 27 Sep 1943

Maj Lee V. Wiseman, 9 Dec 1943

Lt Col Frank G. Jones, 20 Sep 1944

Lt Col Robert P. Baldwin, 10 May 1945-Unkn

Lt Col Ralph J. Watson, C. 1946

Lt Col Walter C. Beckman, 14 May 1947

Lt Col Gerald J. Dix, 17 Jun 1947

Lt Col Robert L. Petit, C. Nov 1947

Capt George A. Davis Jr., 28 Aug 1948

Maj Bruce L. Morrison, 30 Aug 1948
Lt Col Robert L. Petit, Dec 1948
Maj Bruce L. Morrison, Feb 1949
Lt Col Robert L. Petit, C. Mar 1949
Maj Donald S. Glover, 12 Apr 1949
Lt Col Jack W. Hayes Jr., 6 Jun 1949
Lt Col Robin Olds, Jun 1950
Maj Raymond Janeczak, 5 Feb 1952-Unkn
Maj James N. Brink, 1953
Maj Edward L. Faison, 1953
Maj Walter B. Waclawski, 18 Aug 1955-Unkn
Lt Col Robert Miller, 1957
Lt Col Montie A. Davis, 17 Jul 1959
Maj Louis R. Kupersmith, Aug 1959
Lt Col Robert D. Wallace, 1 Nov 1959
Maj Lewis Whargro, 15 May 1960
Lt Col Robert D. Wallace, C. 15 Jul 1960
Lt Col Paul E. McGill, 9 Jul 1961
Lt Col Glendon K. Dunaway, 10 Jul 1964
Lt Col Billy M. Minter, 1 Nov 1966
Lt Col Ellis E. Stanley, By Mar 1967
Maj John Cary, By Dec 1967
Lt Col Ellis E. Stanley, By Mar 1968
Lt Col Francis D. Leonard Jr., 4 Aug 1969
Col Albert J. Lenski, 26 Jun 1970
Lt Col David C. Smith, 1 Jul 1971
Lt Col Samuel H. Martin III, 10 Jul 1972
Lt Col Frederick H. Smith III, 21 Dec 1973
Lt Col Lawrence R. Brehm, 22 Dec 1974-29 Jun 1975
None (Not Manned), 30 Jun 1975
Lt Col William B. Fanelli, 1 Apr 1976
Lt Col Jon E. Lucas, 18 Mar 1978
Lt Col Ralph F. Wetterhahn, 16 Feb 1979
Lt Col Hiram H. Burr, Jr., 30 Jan 1981
Lt Col Ross L. Smith, 25 May 1982
Lt Col Ronald E. Keyes, 30 Mar 1984
Lt Col Jonathan Goldenbaum, 30 Sep 1985
Lt Col David J. Morrow, 2 Oct 1987
Lt Col Richard C. Tuseth, 21 Jul 1989
Lt Col Howard L. Pope, 9 Nov 1989
Lt Col Gilmary M. Hostage Iii, 20 Jan 1991
Lt Col Franklin D. Bjoring, 18 Jun 1992
Lt Col Blake W. Thomas, 18 Jan 1993
Lt Col Kent Traylor, 24 Nov 1993

Lt Col Jeffrey S. Brown, 19 Jun 1995
Lt Col David M. Rhodes, 12 Mar 1997
Lt Col Jimmy R. Clark, 8 Jan 1999
Lt Col Robert Bledsoe, 2 Jan 2000
Lt Col Thomas Bergeson, 8 Jun 2001
Lt Col Mark T. Mckenzie, 10 Jan 2003
Lt Col Matthew R. Fenton, 27 May 2004

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Antisubmarine, American Theater
Egypt-Libya
Air Offensive, Europe
Algeria-French Morocco
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
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

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

1 Jun 1967–1 Apr 1968
15 Jun 1982–15 Jun 1984
16 June 1984–15 Jun 1986
1 May 1989–30 Apr 1991
1 May 1992–30 Apr 1994
1 Jun 1995–31 May 1997
1 Jun 1998–31 May 2000
1 Jun 2000–31 May 2001

EMBLEM



71 Pursuit Squadron emblem: Much of craftiness, and agile maneuvering is expressed by this Disney designed insignia showing a supercilious cat, helmeted and goggled, bent on matching its deft paws with the darting movements of scurrying fish, and in removing the fish from the bowl with the ease of an experienced hunter.²



² *War Insignia Stamp Album, Vol 3*, Hearst Publications, Inc.



On a Medium Blue disc with Yellow border, a winged, mailed gauntlet in flight toward dexter base, with jet exhaust trail, all proper. (Approved, 10 Oct 1947)

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OPERATIONS