

## 49 FIGHTER TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron conducts Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals flying training for over 75 U.S. Air Force and international pilots and Weapon System Officers annually. The unit executes an annual flying hour program of 2,430 sorties and 2,250 hours valued at more than \$4.9 million. It develops the ability, proficiency, confidence, discipline, judgment, situational awareness and airmanship of future fighter wingmen. In addition, unit members deploy to support fighter syllabus and operational training requirements for Close Air Support and Dissimilar Air Combat Training.

### LINEAGE

49 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944  
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled and activated, 20 Nov 1946  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 26 Jul 1948  
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 11 Sep 1952  
Activated, 1 Nov 1952  
Inactivated, 7 Jul 1987  
Redesignated 49 Flying Training Squadron, 11 May 1990  
Activated, 25 Jun 1990  
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1992  
Activated, 1 Jul 1993  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Training Squadron, 19 May 2003

## **STATIONS**

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941  
March Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941 (operated from San Diego, CA, 7–12 Dec 1941)  
Hamilton Field, CA, 9 May–16 Jul 1942  
Atcham, England, 18 Aug–28 Oct 1942  
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942  
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 22 Nov 1942  
Berteaux, Algeria, 9 Jan 1943  
Mediouna, French Morocco, 5 Mar 1943  
Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943  
El Bathan, Tunisia, 3 Jun 1943  
Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 25 Jul 1943  
Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943 (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944)  
Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945  
Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949  
Dow AFB, ME, 1 Nov 1952  
Laurence G. Hanscom Field, MA, 5 Nov 1955  
Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1959–7 Jul 1987  
Columbus AFB, MS, 25 Jun 1990–18 Sep 1992  
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1993  
Moody AFB, GA, 31 Dec 2000  
Columbus AFB, MS, 10 May 2007

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

14 Pursuit (later, 14 Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–9 Sep 1945  
14 Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949  
4711 Defense (later, 4711 Air Defense) Wing, 1 Nov 1952  
4707 Air Defense Wing, 5 Nov 1955  
32 Air Division, 16 Jun 1956  
Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Aug 1958  
4727 Air Defense Group, 1 Jul 1959  
Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 15 Oct 1959  
Boston Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963  
35 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
21 Air Division, 19 Nov 1969  
24 Air Division, 23 Sep 1983–7 Jul 1987  
14 Flying Training Wing, 25 Jun 1990  
14 Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–18 Sep 1992  
14 Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993  
479 Flying Training Group, 10 Oct 2000

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-40  
P-43

P-66, 1941  
P-38, 1941-1945  
P-47, 1946-1949  
P-84, 1947-1949  
F-80, 1952-1953  
F-86, 1953-1959  
T-33, 1952-1953, 1956-1986  
F-89, 1959  
F-101, 1959-1968  
F-106, 1968-1987  
T-38, 1990-1992  
AT-38

### **COMMANDERS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt James K. Dowling, 15 Jan 1941  
Maj Arman Peterson, 30 Apr 1941  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cowell Van Deventer, 30 Jan 1942-7 Feb 1942  
Maj Kenneth S. Wade, 3 May 1942  
Capt Paulett Spivey, 10 Jun 1942  
Capt Harold E. Lewis, Oct 1942  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Thomas J. Morris Jr., 5 Dec 1942  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt William J. Hoelle, 30 Dec 1942  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt William G. Newman, 27 Mar 1943  
Maj Henry H. Trollope, 10 Jun 1943  
Maj B. E. MacKenzie, 21 Sep 1943  
Capt John D. Sandifer, 14 Jan 1944  
Maj Nathan M. Abbott, 19 Apr 1944  
Capt Louis W. Kundrath, 5 Aug 1944  
Capt William H. Edwards, Sep 1944  
Lt Col Donald W. Nance, 26 Nov 1944-1945  
Unkn, 20 Nov 1946  
Lt Col George Levan Jr., 21 Dec 1946  
Maj John R. Petrovich, 1948-1949  
Maj Reginald L. Hays, 1 Nov 1952  
Maj Alfred L. Cummings, 1 Oct 1953  
Maj James G. Kuntz, 27 Mar 1954  
Maj John A. Bell, 1954  
Lt Col Robert H. Damico, 1955  
Lt Col Norman W. Champion, 5 Aug 1958  
Lt Col John A. Bell, 1960  
Col Alan G. Long, 1961  
Lt Col John A. Nelson, 17 Jul 1961  
Lt Col Paul L. Carlisle, 9 Jul 1964  
Lt Col Frederick M. O'Conner, 9 Oct 1964

Lt Col Robert F. Herman, 4 Aug 1967  
Lt Col Oscar Bayer, 8 Jul 1969  
Lt Col Douglas D. Brenner, Apr 1971  
Lt Col James W. Vorhies, 30 Jun 1972  
Lt Col Kenneth E. Nelle, 30 Jun 1973  
Lt Col Howard H. McWhorter Jr., 31 Dec 1973  
Lt Col Thomas C. Thompson, 30 Sep 1974  
Lt Col Frederick R. Williams, 1 Oct 1975  
Lt Col James K. Lowe, Sep 1977  
Lt Col Bruce Worrell Jr., Jun 1979  
Lt Col Larry L. Wusk, 12 Jun 1981  
Lt Col Ardie L. Smith, 17 Apr 1983  
Lt Col Steven B. Rogers, 15 Mar 1985  
Lt Col Richard D. Rider, 20 Jun 1990  
Lt Col Richard W. Peterson, 17 May-18 Sep 1992  
Lt Col Kenneth M. Ware, 23 Jul 1993  
Lt Col Gregory H. Robinson, 26 Jul 1995  
Lt Col Lorin C. Long, 17 Jul 1997  
Lt Col Robert C. Nohrn, 17 Dec 1998  
Lt Col Kenneth L. Dressel, 12 Oct 1999  
Lt Col Douglas W. Miller, 18 Jan 2002  
Lt Col Mark G. Connolly, 11 Jul 2003  
Lt Col Mark F. Schwarz, 6 May 2005  
Lt Col Thomas J. Lennon Jr, 10 May 2007  
Lt Col Tor F. Dietrichs, 3 July 2008  
Lt Col Chris R. Stricklin, 18 June 2010  
Lt Col Neil P. Oakden, 28 Jun 2012  
Lt Col Richard M. Martin

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Air Offensive, Europe  
Tunisia  
Sicily  
Naples-Foggia  
Anzio  
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 Citation  
Austria, 2 Apr 1944

#### Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975  
1 Oct 1975–31 Jul 1977  
1 Jul–17 Sep 1992  
23 Jul 1993–30 Jun 1994  
1 Jul–1 Oct 2000  
1 Jan 2001–31 Dec 2002  
1 Jan 2003–30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2003–30 Jun 2005

#### **EMBLEM**



49 Fighter Squadron emblem



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblems



HRC 90-109  
49 Flying Training Squadron emblem



49 Fighter Training Squadron emblem On a disc Vert, a lightning flash bendwise sinister throughout Or surmounted by a knight's helmet Sable, garnished Silver Gray and plumed Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "49 FIGHTER TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The helm embodies the discipline, courage, and integrity of the knight and reflects the formation of those characteristics by the Squadron in development of fighter pilots. The lightning flash represents the striking power of today's Air Force and recalls the unit's heritage by symbolizing the first aircraft used by the unit, the P-38 Lightning. (Approved, 28 Feb 1995; replaced emblems approved, 23 May 1990 and 23 Jul 1954)

#### **MOTTO**

Cavaliers

Green Eagles

#### **OPERATIONS**

Air defense patrols, 7–12 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 21 Oct 1942–1 May 1945.

Air defense, 1947–1949, and 1952–1987.

Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–1992.



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-86



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-84





49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-101



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-106



49 Fighter Training Squadron T-38

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