

# 52 FIGHTER WING

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

52 Transport Wing constituted, 30 May 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Redesignated 52 Troop Carrier Wing, Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 27 Aug 1946  
Redesignated 52 Fighter Wing  
Allotted to ANG (NY), 28 Aug 1946  
Extended federal recognition, 3 Oct 1947  
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

### STATIONS

Daniel Field, GA, 15 Jun 1942  
Bowman Field, KY, 20 Jul 1942  
Pope Field, NC, 3 Aug 1942-24 Apr 1943  
Oujda, French Morocco, 8 May 1943  
Kairouan, Tunisia, Jul 1943  
Agrigento, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943-13 Feb 1944  
Cottesmore, England, 17 Feb 1944  
Amiens, France, 5 Mar-20 Jun 1945  
Baer Field, IN, Jul 1945  
Kellogg Field, MI, Aug 1945  
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Oct 1945  
Bergstrom Field, TX, 1 Mar-27 Aug 1946

### ASSIGNMENTS

Twelfth Air Force  
Ninth Air Force

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Donald F. Shugart, 1 Jul 1942  
Brig Gen Harold L. Clark, 10 Nov 1942

Lt Col James A. Provan, c. Jul 1945  
Maj Wilfred F. Simmons, Sep 1945  
Col Reed G. Landis, 4 Oct 1945  
Brig Gen Paul H. Prentiss, 14 Jan 1946-unk

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater  
Sicily  
Naples-Foggia  
Rome-Arno  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

On a blue rectangle edged in gold, long axis vertical, corners rounded, a stylized wing between five mullets in chief and two of the like in base all gold. (Approved, 22 Sep 1942)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

It was officially announced that the 107th Fighter Group headquarters, the 207th Air Service Group headquarters detachment, the 136th Fighter Squadron and the 152nd Aircraft Warning and Control Group headquarters will be located at Niagara Falls as part of the New York National Guard's new 52<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing. Announcement of this historic slap by the New York National Guard was made by Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the state guard.

It will mean that the Niagara Falls airport will be base for 25 P-47 Thunderbolts of the 136th squadron, plus a C-47 transport plane, two AT-6s, two AT-11 s, two L-5s and four tow target planes, as a utility flight section of the squadron. In addition, the flying squadron is expected to eventually have a Type A weather station at the airport and an air warning and control group.

Also based here will be the 207th Air Service Group headquarters with maintenance personnel to service the planes; the 152nd Aircraft Warning and Control Group headquarters, and the 107th Aircraft Warning and Control Squadron.

Richard C. Bonhurst, manager of the Niagara Falls airport, said the National Guard air units will be housed in the government controlled area and buildings just north of the Bell Aircraft plant. The units will use all facilities of the municipal airport on a fee basis.

Gen. Drum announced that federal instructors have already been assigned to the New York units, with Col. Erickson Nichols as senior instructor for the wing. Col. Peter H. Remington has been named group instructor for the 107th Fighter Group. Instructors for the 136th Fighter Squadron and Utility Flight have not yet been assigned.

Gen. Drum announced that the new 52nd Fighter Wing would have 14,000 National Guardsmen and 196 planes when at full strength and added that the War department has already allocated the planes. The wing will be a self-contained air combat force with weather, aircraft warning and aviation engineer squadrons, he said. Units comprising the wing will be the 106th Bombardment Group, consisting of two squadrons of A-26 attack bombers, with headquarters at Mitchel Field, New York, and the 107th Group, consisting of the four squadrons as mentioned above.

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