

114 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

439 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942
Activated, 26 Jun 1942
Redesignated 439th Bombardment Squadron, Light, 3 Feb 1945
Inactivated, 4 Jan 1946
Redesignated 114 Bombardment Squadron, Light and allotted to ANG, 24 May 1946
114 Bombardment Squadron, Light extended federal recognition 17 Jun 1947
Redesignated 114 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, May 1951
Redesignated 114 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 1 Dec 1952
Redesignated 114 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Jun 1957
Inactivated 14 Sep 1958
Redesignated 114 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron
Extended federal recognition, 1 Feb 1984
Redesignated 114 Fighter Squadron, 15 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Barksdale Field, LA, 26 Jun 1942
Harding Field, LA, 8-27 Aug 1942
Shipdham, England, 12 Sep 1942
Horsham St Faith, England, 4-22 Oct 1942
St-Leu, Algeria, 10 Nov 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 18 Nov 1942
Maison Blanche, Algeria, 24 Nov 1942
Telergma, Algeria, 14 Dec 1942
Oujda, French Morocco, 3 Mar 1943
Rabat/Sale, French Morocco, 25 Apr 1943

Sedrata, Algeria, 1 Jun 1943
Djedeida, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943
Decimomannu, Sardinia, 1 Nov 1943
Serragia, Corsica, 21 Sep 1944-9 Jan 1945
Bradley Field, CT, 25 Jan 1945
Columbia AAB, SC, 28 Feb-28 Apr 1945
Kadena, Okinawa, 2 Jul 1945
Machinato, Okinawa, 21 Jul-8 Dec 1945
Ft Lawton, WA, 2-4 Jan 1946
Floyd Bennett Field (NAS Brooklyn), NY
March AFB, CA.
Floyd Bennett Field, NY
Klamath Falls, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

319 Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1942
VII Bomber Command, 18Dec 1945-4 Jan 1946.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

B-26, 1942
B-25, 1944
A-26, 1945
B-29
F-94, 1957
F-4
F-16
F-15, 1998

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

Col Steven V. Harper, #1991
LTC John Morawiec

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Algeria-French Morocco, with Arrowhead
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Anzio

Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Air Combat, EAME Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Rome, Italy, 3 Mar 1944
Florence, Italy, 11 Mar 1944

French Croix de Guerre with Palm
Apr, May, and Jun 1944

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

Eager Beavers

OPERATIONS

Ground echelon in assault landing at Arzeu, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942. Combat in MTO, 28 Nov 1942-13 Feb 1943; withdrawn for reorganization and re-equipment, 27 Feb-31 May 1943; combat in MTO, 6 Jun 1943-30 Dec 1944; returned to the United States for reorganization and re-equipment, 25 Jan-28 Apr 1945; combat in Western Pacific, 16 Jul-12 Aug 1945.

The 114 FIS had been based at NAS Floyd Bennett and had been equipped with Invader in the post Korean War era. They too were designated as a FIS in June 1957, received four F-94Bs that summer, and then transferred them to the 102nd FIS in December. The 114 FIS was officially inactivated on September 14, 1958 after being dormant for several months.

1982: the Air Force announced a proposal to establish an air defense "schoolhouse" for F-4 Phantoms at Kingsley Field to be run by the Oregon Air National Guard. The new unit, the 8123rd Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron (FITS), was activated on January 1, 1983. The first class began during February 1983. The 8123rd was inactivated and the 114 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron was activated on February 1, 1984. When in 1983 the Oregon ANG was authorized to organize a replacement training unit to train pilots and WSO (Weapon Systems Officers), for the guards' Fighter Interceptor Squadrons, the new squadron was given the numerical designation of the 114 FIS which had been inactivated as a New York ANG unit on 14 September 1958.

The Air Force decided in 1987 to add the F-16A nations air defense arsenal. Kingsley field was selected to receive the first of 270 F-16s to be modified for air defense role. 18 of the newly designated ADF F-16 A's and B's will be assigned to Kingsley to replace the F-4C.

In mid-November 1988, the last F-4 class graduated. The first F-16 aircraft arrived at Kingsley Field in August 1988. The first Air Defense Fighter modified F-16 aircraft arrived 1 March 1989, followed by the first F-16 student class on 13 July 1989.

The 114 FS added a new medical training program to its curriculum in January 1990, with the F-16 Flight Surgeon Training Course (also known as "Top Knife") being the first of its kind in the nation. "Top Eye" for optometrists joined the program in January 1994, followed by "Top Drill" for dentists in April 1994. The courses help orient military doctors to the rigors of high performance flight. Governor John A. Kitzhaber, a surgeon and former peacetime Commander-in-Chief of the Oregon National Guard, flew three sorties with the 173 FW in a modified Top Knife course on 21-22 March 1995.

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