

387th TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

387th Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 15 Mar 1942
Redesignated 387th Bombardment Squadron (Dive), 27 Jul 1942
Redesignated 387th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 6 Dec 1943
Redesignated 387th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 19 Jul 1945
Inactivated, 6 Jan 1946
Redesignated 387th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 14 Jul 1947
Activated in the reserve, 30 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 387th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 29 Jul 1954
Activated, 1 Oct 1954
Redesignated 387th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 18 Feb 1959

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 15 Mar 1942
Will Rogers Field, OK, 12 Jun 1942
Hunter Field, GA, 18 Aug 1942
DeRidder AAB, LA, 18 Feb 1943
Rice AAFld, CA, 13 Apr 1943
Salinas AAB, CA, 13 Aug-24 Oct 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 1 Dec 1943
Gusap, New Guinea, 25 Dec 1943

Nadzab, New Guinea, 10 Jun 1944
Hollandia, New Guinea, 10 Jul 1944
Tanauan, Leyte, 19 Nov 1944
San Jose, Mindoro, 25 Jan 1945
Mangaldan, Luzon, 10 Feb 1945
Floridablanca, Luzon, 16 Apr 1945
Okinawa, 12 Aug-13 Dec 1945
Vancouver, Wash, 3-6 Jan 1946
Ellington Field, Tex, 30 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949
Clovis AFB, NM, 1 Oct 1954-18 Feb 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

312th Bombardment Group, 15 Mar 1942-6 Jan 1946
Tenth Air Force, 30 Jul 1947
312th Bombardment Group, 13 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
312th Fighter-Bomber Group, 1 Oct 1954
312th Fighter-Bomber (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957-18 Feb 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-72, 1942-1943
A-24, 1942-1943
A-36, 1943
P-40, 1943-1944
A-20, 1944-1945
F-86, 1955-1956
F-100, 1956-1959
A-24A
V-72
P-40M
P-40E
P-40F
P-40M

COMMANDERS

Maj Woodfin M. Sullivan, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
New Guinea;
Western Pacific

Leyte
Luzon

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Formosa, 25 Mar-4 Apr 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM

Within three black and red electronic rings, representing an atomic symbol, an Air Force screaming hawk, wings elevated in flight, feet and head markings of the second; claws, beak, tail markings, and all outline detail of the first. (Approved, 5 Dec 1955)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

SCREAMING HAWK

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine, Dec 1942-Feb 1943; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 26 Dec 1943-24 Jun 1945. Not fully equipped, Jul 1945-6 Jan 1946.

Air Force Order of Battle

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