

435th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

The 435th Fighter Training Squadron conducts initial instructor and student flying training for over 130 U.S. Air Force and international pilots and WSOs annually in Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals. The squadron develops students' proficiency, confidence, discipline, judgment, and situational awareness of basic fighter employment. Additionally, the squadron deploys to support fighter syllabus/operational training requirements for Dissimilar Air Combat Training.

LINEAGE

435th Fighter Squadron (Two-Engine) constituted, 12 Oct 1943
Activated, 15 Oct 1943
Redesignated 435th Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, 5 Sep 1944
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1945
Redesignated 435th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 15 Oct 1952
Activated, 1 Dec 1952
Redesignated 435th Fighter-Day Squadron, 15 Feb 1954
Redesignated 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1974
Redesignated 435th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 22 Oct 1976
Activated, 1 Jan 1977
Inactivated, 19 Feb 1991
Redesignated 435th Fighter Squadron, 1 May 1993
Activated, 12 May 1993
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1997
Redesignated 435th Flying Training Squadron, 2 Apr 1998
Activated, 14 May 1998
Activated on 14 May 1998
Redesignated 435 Fighter Training Squadron on 19 May 2003

STATIONS

Glendale, CA, 15 Oct 1943

March Field, CA, 28 Oct 1943-8 Apr 1944

Oxnard, CA, 6 Feb 1944

Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 6 Apr 1944-15 Apr 1944

Wattisham, England, 15 May 1944-c. 9 Dec 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14-15 Dec 1945

George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1952-19 Jul 1966

Udon RTAFB, Thailand, 24 Jul 1966

Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 2 Aug 1967-8 Aug 1974

Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1977-19 Feb 1991

Holloman AFB, NM, 12 May 1993-1 Apr 1997

Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1998

Moody AFB, GA, 2 Oct 2001

Randolph AFB, 2 Mar 2007

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Keflavik, Iceland, 1 Dec 1952-27 Mar 1953

North Auxiliary Field, SC, 26 Jul-6 Sep 1955

Moron AB, Spain, 7 Dec 1960-c. 15 Apr 1961, 3 Aug-17 Oct 1962, c. 30 Nov-19 Dec 1962, and 30 Mar-23 Jun 1964

Ramstein AB, Germany, 19 Sep 1961-22 Jan 1962

Hahn AB, Germany, 17 Oct-c. 30 Nov 1962

Da Nang AB, South Vietnam and Kung Kuan AB, Taiwan, [split deployment] 12 Oct-20 Dec 1965
detachment operated at Udon RTAFB, Thailand, 5 Jun-c. 23 Jul 1966

ASSIGNMENTS

479th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1943

VIII Fighter Command, 1-15 Dec 1945

479th Fighter-Bomber (later, 479th Fighter-Day) Group, 1 Dec 1952

479th Fighter-Day (later 479th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957

8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 24 Jul 1966-8 Aug 1974

479th Tactical Training Wing, 1 Jan 1977-19 Feb 1991

49th Operations Group, 12 May 1993-1 Apr 1997

12th Operations Group, 14 May 1998

479 Flying Training Group, 1 Oct 2001

12 Operations Group, 2 Mar 2007

ATTACHMENTS

Icelandic Defense Forces, 1 Dec 1952-27 Mar 1953

Air Proving Ground Command, 26 Jul-6 Sep 1955

Sixteenth Air Force, 7 Dec 1960-15 Apr 1961

86th Air Division, 19 Sep 1961-22 Jan 1962 and 17 Oct-30 Nov 1962

65th Air Division, 3 Aug-17 Oct 1962; 30 Nov-19 Dec 1962; 30 Mar-23 Jun 1964
2nd Air Division, 12 Oct-20 Dec 1965
Detachment operated under 8 Tactical Fighter Wing, 5 Jun-23 Jul 1966

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1943-1944, 1944-1945
P-38F
P-38G
P-38H
P-38J
P-51, 1944-1945
P-51B
P-51D
P-47, 1945
F-51, 1952-1953
F-86, 1953-1955
F-100, 1954-1959
F-104, 1959-1967
F-4, 1967-1974
T-38, 1977-1991
AT-38, 1993-2004
F-100A
F-100C
F-4C
F-4D

COMMANDERS

Maj John G. Glover, 15 Oct 1943
Maj Herbert H. Jordan, 23 Nov 1944
Maj William C. Anderson, Apr 1945-unkn 1945
Unkn, 1 Dec 1952-1953
Maj William P. Nacy, by Jun 1953
Maj Joseph L. Geach, 22 Jul 1953
LTC John L. McGinn, 22 Sep 1953
LTC Frank N. Emory, by Dec 1954
Maj Donald N. Stanfield, by 16 May 1955
LTC Frank N. Emory, by 26 May 1955
LTC James R. Wilson, 15 Jul 1956
Maj Landis D. Henderson, 8 Oct 1957
LTC Roy C. Sanders, 18 Nov 1958
Maj Clyde J. Crenshaw, by 20 Jul 1959
LTC Frank J. McGuinness, by 29 Jul 1960
LTC James H. Hoag Jr, Jul 1962

LTC Casimir J. Myslinski, 22 Jul 1964
LTC Howard H. Dale, 22 Sep 1965
LTC Edwin F. Gaines, 21 Mar 1966-unkn
Col William B. Tetrault, 2 Aug 1967
LTC Willis A. Sammons, 15 Jun 1968
LTC Kenneth E. Davison, c. Jan 1969
LTC Tyler G. Goodman, 22 Aug 1969
LTC John R. Paulk, 21 Mar 1970
LTC Thomas C. Lowry, by Sep 1970
LTC Robert C. Kienzle, Jan 1971
LTC Cozier S. Kline, 6 Jun 1971
LTC Gerald D. Larson, 1 Apr 1972
LTC Richard A. Martin, 1 Jul 1972
LTC Thomas J. O'Malley, 23 May 1973
LTC Franklyn M. Felciano, 4 Dec 1973
LTC Jimmy G. Martin, 6 Apr-8 Aug 1974
LTC Edward G. Grabman, 1 Jan 1977
LTC Leslie B. Anderson, 23 Mar 1979
LTC Floyd W. Isley, 27 Jul 1979
LTC John M. Vickery, 24 Jul 1981
LTC Kenneth L. Schweitzer, 27 Aug 1982
LTC Henry P. Dolin, Jr., 28 Jun 1984
LTC J. Callen, 27 Jun 1986
LTC M. Lighty, 6 Nov 1987
LTC Stephen A. Miller, 17 Feb 1989
LTC David R. Lukens, 23 Mar 1990-19 Feb 1991
LTC Douglas A. Nelson, 12 May 1993
LTC M. Matthews, 17 Feb 1995-at least 31 Dec 1995
LTC Louis E. Hazlett, 21 Jun 1996
LTC Jeffrey J. Rust, 14 May 1998
LTC Paul A. Valentic, 9 May 2000
LTC Timothy S. Burke, 20 Apr 2001
LTC Richard E. Ziebarth, 1 Oct 2001
LTC Jon G. Wolfe, 27 Jan 2003
LTC Patrick J. Kane, 16 Jul 2004
LTC Ki L. Jackson

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Vietnam
Vietnam Defensive
Vietnam Air
Vietnam Air Offensive
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII
Vietnam Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
ETO, 18 Aug, 5 and 26 Sep 1944

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia)

16 Dec 1966-2 Jan 1967
1 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968
1 Jan-1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

24 Jul-[15 Dec] 1966

1 Apr-30 Sep 1968

1 Jan-31 Dec 1970

1 Oct 1971-31 Mar 1972

1 Apr-22 Oct 1972

18 Dec 1972-15 Aug 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 Jun 1995-28 Feb 1997

[14] May-30 Jun 1998

1 Jan 2001-31 Dec 2002

1 Jan 2003-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

5-15 Jun 1944

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

27 May 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



Approved, 20 Mar 1945





MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air defense prior to overseas duty.

This Fighter Group was activated on 15 October 1943 and equipped with the P-38. The group moved to England during the Spring of 1944 and was assigned to the Eighth Air Force based at RAF Wattisham. It remained here for just over a year during which time its primary mission was bomber escort. After the 479th moved to the continent it added ground support to its role and by December of 1944 had converted to the P-51. In November of 1944, the group returned to the United States and was inactivated on 1 December 1945.

Combat in ETO, 26 May 1944-25 Apr 1945.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis, which began 22 October 1962, the 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron deployed from Moron AB, Spain, to Hahn. Although the crisis officially ended 26 November 1962, the 435th TFS did not return to Moron until 11 December 1962.

Air Defense in Southeast Asia, 12 Oct-20 Dec 1965.

Combat in Southeast Asia, Jul 1966-15 Aug 1973.

The 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Udorn stood down from operations on 19 July, and on the 25th redeployed its F-104 Starfighters to Ramey Air Force Base for use by the Puerto Rico Air National Guard. The 435th converted to new F-4Ds. 1967

Trained fighter pilots and weapon systems officers, Jan 1977-Feb 1991.

Trained Taiwan Air Force pilots, May 1993-31 Dec 1995. On May 12,1993 the 435th FS was activated to conduct fighter pilot training for the Taiwan Air Force. About 21 AT-38s were withdrawn from storage at AMARC for this mission.

Conducted Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) training for international students, 1998-2004.

Simonet, Kenneth A.	Maj	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	18 Jan 68
Smith, Wayne O.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	18 Jan 68
Lang, Alfred E. Jr.	Lt Col	1.0	MiG-21	F-4D	12 Feb 68
Moss, Randy P.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-21	F-4D	12 Feb 68
Williams, David O. Jr.	Col	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	14 Feb 68
Feighny, James P. Jr.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	14 Feb 68
Simmonds, Darrell D.	Capt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	6 Nov 67
McKinney, George H. Jr.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	6 Nov 67
Simmonds, Darrell D.	Capt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	6 Nov 67
McKinney, George H. Jr.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	6 Nov 67
Moore, Joseph D.	Maj	0.5	MiG-17	F-4D	19 Dec 67
McKinney, George H. Jr.	1Lt	0.5	MiG-17	F-4D	19 Dec 67
Squier, Clayton K.		1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	3 Jan 68
Muldoon, Michael D.	1Lt	1.0	MiG-17	F-4D	3 Jan 68

The transition of the 435th Flying Training Squadron from Randolph to Moody completed the plan approved almost five years earlier to consolidate Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals training at the South Georgia base. AETC's first operational T-38C, which would enhance IFF training by providing an advanced avionics suite, arrived at Moody on 9 April 2001.

Air Force Order of Battle

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