

436th TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

436th Fighter Squadron constituted, 12 Oct 1943
Activated, 15 Oct 1943
Inactivated, 21 Dec 1945
Redesignated 436th Fighter-Bomber Squadron 15 Oct 1952
Activated, 1 Dec 1952
Redesignated 436th Fighter-Day Squadron, 15 Feb 1954
Redesignated 436th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Redesignated 436th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron

STATIONS

Grand Central Air Terminal, CA, 15 Oct 1943
Palmdale AAFld, CA, 6 Feb 1944
Santa Maria AAFld, CA, 8-16 Apr 1944
Wattisham, England, 15 May 1944-12 Dec 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20-21 Dec 1945
George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1952
George AFB, CA, 4 Dec 1952-15 Jul 1968
Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Jul 1968-30 Oct 1970
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1977

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Keflavik Airport, Iceland, 1 Dec 1952-2 Dec 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

479th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1943

VIII Fighter Command, 1-21 Dec 1945

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

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

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40, 1943-1944

P-40F

P-38F

P-38G

P-38J, 1944

P-51B, 1944

P-51C

P-51D

P-51K

F-51, 1952-1953

F-86, 1953-1955

F-100C

F-100D

F-100F

F-104, 1959

T-38

COMMANDERS

LTC R. C. Franklin, Jr.

Maj Foster L. Smith, #1955

LTC D.E. Anderson, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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

French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

EMBLEM



On a Air Force blue disc, over a black spade spot on Air Force yellow winged sword point downward, outline and detail of the second. Below the disc on a scroll the motto SEMPER PRIMUS, First Always. (Approved, 7 Dec 1954)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air defense prior to overseas duty. Combat in ETO, 26 May 1944-25 Apr 1945

Air Force Order of Battle

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