

604th SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

4th Fighter Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 25 Apr 1944
Activated, 1 May 1944
Redesignated 4th Fighter Squadron, Commando, 2 Jun 1944
Inactivated, 25 Mar 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted, redesignated 604th Fighter Squadron, Commando activated 15 Apr 1963
Organized, 1 Jul 1963
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Nov 1964
Redesignated 604th Air Commando Squadron, Fighter, 16 Jan 1967 and activated
Organized, 25 Jan 1967
Redesignated 604th Special Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 1968
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1970

STATIONS

Drane Field, FL, 1 May 1944
Alachua AAF, FL, 21 Aug 1944
Drew Field, FL, 6 Oct 1944–27 Oct 1944
Leyte, Philippines 5 Jan 1945
Mangaldan, Luzon, Philippines, 26 Jan 1945
Laoag, Luzon, Philippines, 15 Apr 1945
Ie Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 9 Aug 1945

Chitose Airfield, Japan. 27 Oct 1945–25 Mar 1946
Eglin Air Force Base Auxiliary Airfield No. 9, FL, 1 Jul 1963–8 Nov 1964
England AFB, LA, 25 Jan 1967
Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, 28 Jul 1967 – 30 Sep 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

3rd Air Commando Group, 1 May 1944 – 25 Mar 1946
1st Air Commando Wing, 1 Jul 1963–8 Nov 1964
United States Air Force Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, 25 Jan 1967
14th Air Commando Wing, 15 Nov 1967 (attached to 3d Tactical Fighter Wing)
3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Mar 1970 – 30 Sep 1970

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40, 1944
P-51, 1944–1946
A-37A, 1967–1970

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
China Defensive
Western Pacific
Ryukus
China Offensive
Army of Occupation (Japan)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation
6 March 1968-30 July 1968
31 July 1968-31 July 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
21 January 1970-30 September 1970

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation
December 1944-4 July 1945

Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm

9 May 1967-30 September 1970
31 July 1968-30 September 1970
1 May 1970-30 September 1970

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OPERATIONS

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