

721 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

721 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Redesignated 721 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945
Inactivated, 15 Oct 1945
Redesignated 721 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 31 Mar 1954
Activated, 1 Jul 1954
Redesignated 721 Fighter-Day Squadron, 8 Mar 1955
Redesignated 721 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 18 Dec 1958

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 May 1943
Clovis AAB, NM, 21 May 1943
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 8 Jul-26 Nov 1943
Manduria, Italy, 3 Jan 1944-16 May 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 31 May 1945
Harvard AAFM, NE, 24 Jul-15 Oct 1945
Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954-18 Dec 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

450 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-15 Oct 1945
450 Fighter Bomber (later Fighter Day) Group, 1 Jul 1954
450 Fighter Day (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 11 Dec 1957-18 Dec 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945
B-24G
B-24H

B-24M

B-24J

B-29, 1945

F-86, 1954-1955

F-100, 1955-1958

COMMANDERS

Maj Alzie D. Donovan, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Regensburg, Germany, 25 Feb 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 5 Apr 1944

EMBLEM



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721st Fighter-Day Squadron emblem: On a Air Force yellow shield, in bend a red bolt of lightning throughout, point to dexter chief, between two stylized blue birds in flight formation and a tiger rampant contourne, in his proper colors, armed and langued of the second color. (Approved, 22 Jun 1955)

MOTTO

PETERE-OPPUGNARE-DELERE, Seek, Attack, and Destroy

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 8 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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