

## 14 FLYING TRAINING WING



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

14 Fighter Wing established, 29 Jul 1947  
Organized, 15 Aug 1947  
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949  
Redesignated 14 Air Commando Wing and activated, 28 Feb 1966  
Organized, 8 Mar 1966  
Redesignated 14 Special Operations Wing, 1 Aug 1968  
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1971  
Redesignated 14 Flying Training Wing, 22 Mar 1972  
Activated, 1 Jun 1972

#### STATIONS

Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 15 Aug 1947-2 Oct 1949  
Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, 8 Mar 1966  
Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 15 Oct 1969-30 Sep 1971  
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972

#### ASSIGNMENTS

First Air Force, 15 Aug 1947-2 Oct 1949  
Pacific Air Forces, 28 Feb 1966  
2 Air Division, 8 Mar 1966  
Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-30 Sep 1971  
Air Training Command, 1 Jun 1972  
Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P (later F)-47, 1947-1949

P (later F)-84, 1947-1949

A-1, 1966-1967, 1968

AC-47, 1966-1969

C-47, 1966-1971

HC-47, 1966-1969

U-10, 1966-1969

CH-3, 1966-1969

O-2, 1967-1971

UH-1, 1967-1971

C-130, 1968-1971

C-123, 1968-1971

AC-130, 1968

AC-119, 1968-1971

T-41, 1969-1973

T-37, 1969

T-38, 1969

AT-38, 1993-2000

T-1, 1996

T-38

T-6, 2006

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Loring F. Stetson Jr., 1947

Col George A. McHenry, 7 Jan 1948

Col Arvid E. Olson Jr., 30 Sep-2 Oct 1949

None (not manned), 28 Feb-7 Mar 1966

Col Robert J. Jones, 8 Mar 1966

Col Gordon F. Bradburn, 17 Apr 1966

Col Forrest L. Rauscher, 10 Apr 1967

Col John M. Patton, 21 Nov 1967

Col Conrad S. Allman, 3 Jun 1968

Col William K. Bush, 5 Mar 1969

Col Clyde S. Cherry, 2 Sep 1969

Col William H. Fairbrother, 3 Apr 1970

Col Alfred F. Eaton, 13 Sep 1970

Col Mark W. Magnan, 14 Mar 1971

Col Malcolm L. Nurnburg, 13-30 Sep 1971

Col William A. Boutwell, 1 Jun 1972

Col Robert B. Tanguy, 9 Jun 1972

Col James S. Creedon, 18 Jul 1973

Col Horace W. Miller, 8 Mar 1976

Col Winfield S. Harpe, 10 Jul 1978  
Col Richard A. Pierson, 4 Jun 1980  
Col Alexander Zakrzewski Jr., 4 Jun 1981  
Col Chester W. Griffin Jr., 5 Nov 1982  
Col James P. Ulm, 9 Aug 1984  
Col Charles R. Edwards, 8 Jan 1987  
Col James L. Higham, 6 Jan 1989  
Col Nick P. Ardillo Jr., 12 Sep 1991  
Col Robert H. Foglesong, 5 Apr 1993  
Col Gary R. Trexler, 8 Dec 1993  
Col Michael G. Lee, 18 Aug 1995  
Col John J. Catton Jr., 21 Jul 1997  
Col Teresa M. Peterson, 10 Jul 1998  
Col Thomas J. Quelly, 19 Jun 2000  
Col Stephen D. Schmidt, 9 Aug 2002  
Col Stephen W. Wilson, 24 Mar 2004  
Col David K. Gerber, 9 Jun 2006  
Col John Nichols

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam  
Vietnam Air  
Vietnam Air Offensive  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III  
Vietnam Air/Ground  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV  
TET69/Counteroffensive  
Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969  
Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Southwest Monsoon  
Commando Hunt V  
Commando Hunt VI

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citations  
Southeast Asia, 8 Mar 1966-7 Mar 1967

Southeast Asia, 21 Jun 1968-30 Jun 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

16 Jun 1967-20 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1970- 30 Jun 1971

Meritorious Unit Commendation

1 Jan-31 Dec 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

1 Jan-31 Dec 1974

1 Apr 1985-31 Mar 1987

1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

1 Apr 1966-30 Sep 1971

1 Jan-30 Aug 1968

### **Bestowed Honors**

Authorized to display honors earned by the 14 Fighter Group prior to 15 Aug 1947

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Tunisia; Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

### **Decoration**

Distinguished Unit Citation: Austria, 2 Apr 1944

## EMBLEM



Azure, in chief an escutcheon per bend Argent and Sable, over two laurel branches in saltire Or, above in bend two flight symbols ascending one Argent, surmounting one Gules, encircled by five mullets, one in sinister chief and four in dexter base of the fourth. All within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "14 FLYING TRAINING WING" in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The two flight symbols ascending symbolize the unit's training mission. The stars allude to essential expertise needed by assigned personnel to complete required tasks. The escutcheon commemorates the World War II battle credits carried by the unit. (Approved, 11 Dec 2007. Earlier revision approved, 16 Sep 1994)

**MOTTO**

Day and Night - Peace and War

**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Provided air defense for the northeastern United States, 1947-1949.

Performed combat operations in Southeast Asia, Mar 1966-Sep 1971, operating from numerous locations in South Vietnam and Thailand. Operations included close and direct air support, interdiction, combat airlift, aerial resupply, visual and photographic reconnaissance, unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency operations, psychological warfare (including leaflet dropping and aerial broadcasting), forward air control (FAC) operations and escort, search and rescue, escort for convoy and defoliation operations, flare drops, civic actions, and humanitarian actions. The wing also operated Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, Mar 1966-Oct 1969, and provided maintenance support for a number of tenants.

Trained South Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) personnel in AC-119 operations and maintenance, Feb-Aug 1971, and transferred some of its AC-119s to the VNAF, Aug-Sep 1971 as part of a phase-down for inactivation.

Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3650th Pilot Training Wing in Jun 1972 at Columbus AFB, MS, and assumed an undergraduate pilot training program, plus base operations and maintenance. From 1993 to 2000, the wing also trained pilots in fighter fundamentals, using AT-38.

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