

37th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

37th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 37th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine), 31 Jan 1942
Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942
Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945
Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled and activated, 20 Nov 1946
Redesignated 37th Fighter Squadron, Jet, 20 May 1948
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949
Redesignated 37th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 11 Sep 1952
Activated, 1 Nov 1952
Discontinued, 1 May 1960
Redesignated 37th Flying Training Squadron, 22 Mar 1972
Activated, 1 Jun 1972

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941
Portland, OR, 21 May 1941 (operated from Paine Field, WA, 7–24 Dec 1941)
Olympia, WA, 24 Dec 1941
McChord Field, WA, 8–18 Jan 1943
La Senia, Algeria, 27 Feb 1943

Mediouna, French Morocco, 17 Mar 1943
Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943
El Bathan, Tunisia, 4 Jul 1943
Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943
Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943 (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944)
Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945
Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949
Ethan Allen AFB, VT, 1 Nov 1952–1 May 1960
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jun 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

55th Pursuit (later, 55th Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941
14th Fighter Group, 1 Mar 1943–9 Sep 1945
14th Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949
4711th Defense Wing, 1 Nov 1952
517th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953
14th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955–1 May 1960
14th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jun 1972
14th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-43A, 1941–1942
P-38, 1942–1945
P-38E
P-38F
P-38G
P-38J
P-47, 1946–1949
P-47N
P-84, 1947–1949
F-51D, 1952–1953
F-86, 1953–1958
F-102A, 1957–1960
T-37, 1972

COMMANDERS

1Lt Charles H. McDonald, 15 Jan 1941
1Lt H. D. Aynsworth, 18 Feb 1941
1Lt Jack S. Jenkins, May 1941
1Lt Robert T. Romine, 1941
Cpt Jack S. Jenkins, Sep 1941
Cpt Kenneth S. Wade, 1941
Maj Jack S. Jenkins, Sep 1942
Cpt Wendell J. Kelley, Jun 1942

Maj John G. Bright, 16 Jan 1943
Maj Carl F. Rudder, 4 Jun 1943
Maj Forrest H. Barker, 19 Sep 1943
LTC William L. Leverette, 29 Sep 1943
Maj Forrest H. Barker, 27 Apr 1944
LTC Kenneth A. Gaskin, 1 May 1944
Maj Charles R. McIntire, 6 Feb 1945
Maj Robert E. Hullsiek, 22 Apr 1945-1945
LTC William T. Samways, c1947
Maj Francis J. Vetort, 20 Jul 1949-1949
LTC Richard E. Turner, 1 Nov 1952
Maj Raymond R. Stewart, 1953
LTC Donald E. Songer, 1955
LTC Richard H. Burnor, 1956
Maj Francis D. Peters Jr., 1957
Maj Curtis L. Utterback, 1959
LTC Roy D. Carlson, 1959-1960
LTC Hall, Jul 1972
LTC David J. Pennington, Jan 1973
LTC Jack E. Terry, 10 Feb 1975
LTC James C. Poole Jr., Jan 1978
LTC Terry G. Isaacson, 30 Jun 1979
LTC Robert K. McLeod, 6 Mar 1981
LTC George E. Throckmorton, 15 Jul 1982
LTC Wallis D. Cone Jr., 1 Mar 1983
LTC William M. F. Phillips, 11 Jan 1985
LTC Richard H. Estes, 19 Jun 1987
LTC Chris W. Shaw, 7 Jul 1989
LTC Bruce C. Grant, 29 Oct 1990
LTC Frank L. Belote Jr., 10 Jan 1991
LTC Ronald J. Vaughn, 25 Feb 1991
LTC William H. Barker Jr., 1 Oct 1992
LTC Stefan Eisen Jr., 12 Mar 1993
LTC Kris D. Gianakos, 24 Jun 1994
LTC Mark K. Hefferly, 19 Jan 1996
LTC Richard C. Davidage, 9 Jan 1998
LTC Christopher B. King, 7 Jan 2000
LTC Anthony J. Smith, 12 Dec 2001
LTC William D. Millonig, 11 Oct 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Austria, 2 Apr 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan–31 Dec 1974

1 Mar 1978–29 Feb 1980

1 Apr 1985–31 Mar 1987

1 Jul 1992–30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1999–30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001–30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004–30 Jun 2006

EMBLEM



On a gray delta, edged white, within an Air Force blue border, an Air Force blue oblique triangle in base charged with two white stars in dexter and three white stars in sinister; overall an Air Force golden yellow stylized sun surmounted by an American Indian runner, flesh tones reddish brown, wearing red loin cloth and winged moccasins trimmed white; on his head a red feathered headband; in his arms a white missile, outlines and details blue. (Approved, 9 Sep 1958)



37th Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblem

37th Flying Training Squadron emblem: On a Blue disc edged Yellow, issuing from sinister a tiger, grasping in its mouth a cub by the neck in base, both Yellow, garnished White and detailed Black, with Red noses and tongues. (Approved, 10 Nov 1972)

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OPERATIONS

Air defense, 7–24 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 6 May 1943–4 May 1945. Air defense, 1946–1949 and 1952–1960. Undergraduate Pilot Training, 1 Jun 1972–. The 37th Flying Training Squadron conducts primary flight training in the twin-engine Cessna T-37. Seated alongside an instructor, each student receives about 81 hours of training in this aircraft. Students learn basic aircraft characteristics and control, takeoff and landing techniques, aerobatics, and night, instrument and formation flying.

Pilot Error Cited in T-6 Crash: A student pilot's loss of situational awareness while practicing aerobatics in the skies near Columbus AFB, Miss., last July, caused him to eject from his T-6 trainer aircraft, resulting in the aircraft's loss, Air Education and Training Command announced Monday. AETC's accident investigation board determined that 2nd Lt. Falah Al-Obaidi, an international student pilot assigned to Columbus' 37th Flying Training Squadron, had incorrect airspeed while performing aerobatic loops during his July 9, 2009 flight. On his final loop, he chose to eject from the aircraft after it began a steep right bank dive from which he believed that he could not recover. He suffered minor injuries, while the T-6 was completely destroyed. 2009/2010

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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