

42nd FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

42nd Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Redesignated 42nd Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

Reconstituted, 23 Sep 1947

Activated in the reserve, 15 Oct 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 42nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 3 Feb 1953

Activated, 24 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 8 Jan 1958

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941

Everett, WA, 26 Jun 1941

Harding Field, LA, 31 Jan 1942 (detachment operated from Ontario, CA, 28 May-8 Jun 1942;
Kodiak, AK, 12 Jun-8 Sep 1942; Adak, 10 Sep-12 Dec 1942)

Hillsborough AAFld, FL, 10 May 1943-1 May 1944

Orchard Place Aprt, IL, 15 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949

O'Hare Intl Aprt, IL, 24 Feb 1953

Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 18 Aug 1955-8 Jan 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

54th Pursuit (later Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944
338th Bombardment Group, 15 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949
501st Air Defense Group, 24 Feb 1953
54th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-8 Jan 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39, 1941-1943
P-39C
P-39D
P-39F
P-51A, 1943
P-51B
F-86D, 1953
F-86L

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Aleutian Islands

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Aleutian Islands, [Jun]-4 Nov 1942

EMBLEM



On an Air Force yellow disc, with Air Force blue border, the helmet and arm of an armored knight of the last, detail markings white; the hand grasping a red rocket, in a hurling position; all

superimposed over a five pointed white star. (Approved, 7 Mar 1956)

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OPERATIONS

Air defense of west coast, May-Jun 1942; combat in Aleutians and Northern Pacific, Jun-Dec 1942; replacement training, Apr 1943-Apr 1944.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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