

# 55<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER WING

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

55<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Medium), constituted 17 Mar 1943

Activated, 31 Mar 1943

Redesignated 55<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (Medium) Oct 1943

Redesignated 55<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (Heavy), Dec 1943

Inactivated 9 Sep 1945

Redesignated 55<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and allotted to ANG (Ohio), 24 May 1946

Extended Federal recognition, 7 Dec 1947

***Disbanded 28 Sep 1950***

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

### STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 31 Mar 1943-Feb 1944

Spinazzola, Italy, Mar 1944

Barin, Italy, Jul 9-Sep 1945

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### COMMANDERS

Col Guy L. McNeil, Apr 43

BG George R. Acheson, 11 Jun 1943 to Jun 1944

Errol H. Zistel 7 Dec 1947-28 Sep 1950

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

#### Campaign Streamers

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Po Valley

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Various groups were attached for training prior to Oct 1943. Moved to Italy (Feb-Mar 1944) where combat elements were assigned. Operated with Fifteenth AF in the Mediterranean and European theaters from Mar 1944 until May 1945.

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### **Sources**

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