

72nd FIGHTER WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

72nd Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Heavy) constituted, 12 Aug 1943
Activated, 20 Aug 1943
Redesignated 72nd Fighter Wing, Sep 1943
Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946

STATIONS

Rapid City AAB, SD, 20 Aug 1943
Colorado Springs, CO, 7 Oct 1943
Peterson Field, CO, Nov 1943
Colorado Springs, CO, Jan-9 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

COMMANDERS

Col Felix L. Vidal, 10 Oct 1943
BG George P. Tourtellot, 6 Jul 1944
Col Irving L. Branch, 23 Jan 1945
BG John E. Upston, 14 Mar 1945
BG Leonard D. Weddington, 30 Sep 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained fighter organizations and replacement crews.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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