

112th AIR REFUELING GROUP

LINEAGE

350th Fighter Group activated, 1 Oct 1942
Constituted 350th Fighter Group, 2 Oct 1942
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945
Redesignated 112th Fighter Group and allotted to ANG (PA), 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition, 22 Apr 1949
Redesignated 112th Fighter Interceptor Group, 1 Oct 1952
Redesignated 112th Fighter Bomber Group, 1 Dec 1952
Redesignated 112th Tactical Fighter Group
Redesignated 112th Air Refueling Group
Inactivated 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Bushey Hall, England, 1 Oct 1942
Duxford, England, Oct 1942
Oujda, French Morocco, 6 Jan 1943
Oran, Algeria, 14 Feb 1943
Maison Blanche, Algeria, May 1943
Rerhaia, Algeria, 17 Jul 1943
Sardinia, 5 Nov 1943
Corsica, 6 Feb 1944
Tarquinia, Italy, 8 Sep 1944
Pisa, Italy, 2 Dec 1944-14 Jul 1945
Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 25 Aug-7 Nov 1945
Pittsburgh, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth AF
Twelfth AF, Jan 1943

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39
P-400
P-38
P-47
KC-135

COMMANDERS

LTC Richard P Klocko, 14 Oct 1942
Maj Ariel W Nielsen, 24 Feb 1943
LTC Marvin L McNickle, 1 Mar 1943
LTC Ariel W Nielsen, Sep 1943
LTC John C Robertson, 22 Oct 1944
Col Ariel W Nielsen, Feb 1945
Col John C Robertson, 20 Jun 1945-unkn
LTC Lawrence F. Santerini
Col Richard L. Prave
Col Edward J. Bollen
LTC Peter R. Phillipy
LTC Albert B. Starr
LTC Thomas Chantler
Maj George Swearingen

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Combat, EAME Theater
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Po Valley

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: Italy, 6 Apr 1944

EMBLEM

Per bend azure and or, on a bend sable between a Pegasus salient argent and a keystone charged with a ruffed grouse proper, a group of four vols with upper edges of wings parallel to the edge of the ordinary, each vol overlapping the next from dexter to sinister alternating of the fourth and second, a diminished border of the third. (Approved, 10 Sep 1954)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO
IN COMMON CAUSE

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Activated in England on 1 Oct 1942 by special authority granted to Eighth AF prior to constitution as 350th Fighter Group on 2 Oct 1942. The air echelon moved from England to North Africa, Jan-Feb 1943; the ground echelon, which had been formed in the US, arrived in North Africa about the same time. The group operated with Twelfth AF from Jan 1943 until the end of the war, flying patrol and interception missions, protecting convoys, escorting aircraft, flying reconnaissance missions, engaging in interdiction operations, and providing close support for ground forces. Used P-39's, P-400's, and a few P-38's before converting to P-47's during Aug-Sep 1944. Operated against targets in Tunisia until the end of that campaign. Defended the coast of Algeria during the summer and fall of 1943. Afterward, operated primarily in support of Allied forces in Italy until the end of the war, bombing and strafing rail facilities, shipping docks, radar and transformer stations, power lines, bridges, motor transports, and military installations. Received a DUG for action in western Italy on 6 Apr 1944 when, despite intense flak and attacks by numerous enemy interceptors, the group flew ten missions, hitting troops, bridges, vehicles, barracks, and air warning installations. Also covered Allied landings on Elba in Jun 1944 and supported the invasion of Southern France in Aug. 1LT Raymond L. Knight was awarded the Medal of Honor for missions on 24 and 25 Apr 1945: voluntarily leading attacks, through intense antiaircraft fire, against enemy airdromes in northern Italy, Lt Knight was responsible for eliminating more than 20 German planes intended for assaults on Allied forces; attempting to return his shattered plane to base after an attack on 25 Apr, Lt Knight crashed in the Apennines. The group moved to the US, Jul-Aug 1945.

On 1 Oct, the 112th Fighter Group and attached squadrons, the 146th and 147th, was redesignated Fighter Interceptor Group and Squadrons, with no change in mission. This action was premature and was brought about by a mix-up in signals. On 1 Dec, all units were again redesignated Fighter Bomber. The 104th Fighter Squadron was also redesignated Fighter Bomber and was relieved from assignment to the 112th Fighter Bomber Group effective 1 Jan 1953.

On October 1, 1993, the 112th ARG was deactivated resulting in the loss of 305 military and 65 civilian positions. This resulted in the 146th once again reuniting with the 147th under the same flag.

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