

138 FIGHTER WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

138 Fighter Interceptor Group designated and allotted to the Oklahoma ANG, 1957
Extended federal recognition, 1 Aug 1957
Redesignated 138 Air Transport Group, 15 Jan 1960
Redesignated 138 Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966
Redesignated 138 Tactical Fighter Group, 25 Jan 1973
Redesignated 138 Fighter Group, 15 Mar 1992
Redesignated 138 Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1995

STATIONS

Tulsa, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

Oklahoma Air National Guard, 1 Aug 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-86, 1957
C-97, 1960
C-124, 1968
F-100, 1973

A-7, 1978
F-16, 1993

COMMANDERS

LTC Gerald W. Stevenson
LTC Jack Jernigan, Jr.,
Col Bobby E. Walls 1 July 1972
Col John F. Loerch 1 May 1974
LTC Richard O. Law 2 Nov 1980
Col Stephen P. Cortright, #1984
Col Harry M. Wyatt III, Feb 1998 - Dec 2001
Col Michael D. Hepner

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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Yellow background with overlay of air force blue. A globe appears in the lower section of the shield representing "Worldwide capability". The lower section is separated from the top by an abstract design representing an aircraft. The upper section is highlighted by the symbolic torn torn, or drum, a part of Oklahoma heritage, used by Indians to communicate presence, power, and pride, a posture that Tulsa Air Guardsmen strive to retain. The black drops on the shield

represent Oklahoma oil, specifically Tulsa, "Oil Capital of the World". The group shield was selected from a drawing submitted by SSGT Chartist O. Myers, during a contest in December 1965. It was officially approved in 1966.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

20 April 1995. Members of the 138th Fighter Group, Oklahoma ANG, began providing emergency assistance after the 19 April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

2005 3 Sep Fifty six personnel assigned to the 138th Fighter Wing, Oklahoma ANG, were placed in SAD by the Adjutant General of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma State Joint Operations Center. The personnel deployed to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma to support hurricane relief operations.

The Air National Guard's 188th Fighter Wing at Ebbing ANGB, Ark., will temporarily host seven F-16C Falcons and 40 maintenance, operation, and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing. The aircraft and airmen will remain in Arkansas until mid-June when runway and taxiway construction at the 138th FW is slated for completion, states an April 7 release. "The 188th is no stranger to F-16 operations and we're happy to share our facilities with our Air National Guard brothers and sisters from the 138th," said 188th FW Commander Col. Mark Anderson. The F-16s will be housed in former A-10 shelters vacated during the wing's conversion to an "intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance, space-focused targeting and remotely piloted aircraft mission," states the release. The last of the 188th FW's A-10s are slated to leave on June 7, states the release. 2014

A pair of F-16Cs assigned to the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing collided around 2:30 p.m. Monday during a training sortie near Moline, Kansas, forcing one of the pilots to eject, according to an Oct. 21 release. The pilot who ejected was taken to the hospital at McConnell AFB, Kan., for medical evaluation and has since been released. The second pilot safely recovered the other F-16 involved in the mishap and flew the fighter back to the unit's base in Tulsa. Neither aviator was seriously injured in the accident, wing officials announced. "Our airmen are our most valuable asset because they protect the United States from our adversaries," said Col. David Burgoyne, commander of the 138th FW. "Fortunately both pilots are going to be all right and have been reunited with their families." Members of the 138th Maintenance Group, also based in Tulsa, Okla., "are assessing the damage to the aircraft that landed there," states the release. Two F-16Cs assigned to the District of Columbia ANG collided in a similar accident off the coast of Virginia last August. Investigators latter attributed that accident to pilot error. Air Force investigators will probe the Oct. 20 incident and publish further details after the conclusion of a formal accident investigation board. 2014

Two F-16Cs assigned to the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing collided midair over Kansas on Oct. 20, 2014, after a student pilot failed to maintain a visual on the instructor pilot and deconflict their flight paths, according to an accident investigation board report, released Feb. 20. The instructor pilot, who had more than 2,400 flight hours in an F-16, was playing the role of the "engaged pilot" during a training mission, while the student pilot, who had 106 F-16 flight hours, was to play the "supporting role." A third F-16 was to act as the adversary, according to the report. The aircraft conducted the first scenario without incident, but the student pilot lost visual contact of the instructor pilot during the second scenario. Sixteen seconds later their aircraft collided, causing the instructor pilot's aircraft to lose control. The instructor successfully ejected from the aircraft, sustaining minor injuries, but the aircraft was considered a total loss with some \$22.5 million in damage. There was no significant damage to private property, according to the report. The student pilot successfully returned to base despite losing the right wing flaperon and horizontal tail in the collision. The student pilot was not harmed, according to the report. 2015

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