

311th FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

311th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 21 Jan 1942
Activated, 9 Feb 1942
Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942
Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 20 Feb 1946
Redesignated 311th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 25 Jun 1952
Activated, 10 Jul 1952
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1958
Redesignated 311th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 12 Jan 1970
Activated, 18 Jan 1970
Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1994
Activated, 1 Jan 1995

STATIONS

Harding Field, LA, 9 Feb 1942
Dale Mabry Field, FL, 4 Mar 1942
Richmond AAB, VA, 16 Oct 1942
Bolling Field, DC, 23 Oct 1942
Bradley Field, CT, 1 Mar 1943
Hillsgrove, RI, 1 May 1943
Grenier Field, NH, 15 Sep–22 Oct 1943
Brisbane, Australia, 21 Nov 1943
Dobodura, New Guinea, 28 Dec 1943
Saidor, New Guinea, 5 Apr 1944

Noemfoor, 6 Sep 1944
San Roque, Leyte, 18 Nov 1944
San Jose, Mindoro, 21 Dec 1944
Mangaldan, Luzon, 7 Apr 1945
Porac, Luzon, 17 Apr 1945
Okinawa, 8 Jul 1945
Japan, 26 Oct 1945
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Dec 1945–20 Feb 1946
Taegu AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952
Osan-ni (later Osan) AB, South Korea, 7 Apr 1955–1 Jul 1958
Luke AFB, AZ, 18 Jan 1970–1 Apr 1994
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Jan 1980
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Jan 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–27 Jan 1946
Fifth Air Force, 27 Jan–20 Feb 1946
58th Fighter Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952
58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 Nov 1957–1 Jul 1958
58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 18 Jan 1970
58th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991–1 Apr 1994
56th Operations Group, 1 Jan 1995

ATTACHMENTS

58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Mar–7 Nov 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39, 1942
P-40L
P-40E
P-47C
P-47D
P-39D
P-39F
P-40F
P-40, 1942–1943
P-47, 1943–1945
F-84, 1952–1954
F-86, 1954–1958
F-4, 1970–1983
F-16, 1983–1994
F-16
F-16C
F-16D

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Japan
New Guinea
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Korea
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Philippine Islands, 26 Dec 1944
Korea, 1 May–27 Jul 1953

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1971–31 Dec 1972
1 Jan 1978–31 Dec 1979
1 Aug 1982–31 May 1984
1 Jun 1986–31 May 1988
1 Jun 1990–31 May 1992

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1953

EMBLEM



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MOTTO

NICKNAME

Snakes

OPERATIONS

Operational and replacement training unit, Mar 1942–Apr 1943. Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 2 Feb 1944–14 Aug 1945. Not fully manned or equipped, 23 Sep 1945–20 Feb 1946. Combat in Korea, 10 Jul 1952–27 Jul 1953. Trained US and foreign aircrews, Jan 1970–1 Nov 1991.

The first three F-16s assigned to the newly minted 54th Fighter Group at Holloman AFB, N.M., arrived to begin standing up the new F-16 Formal Training Unit there. The fighters touched down in April 1. Overall, Holloman is slated to receive 55 F-16s by October 2015, most of which will transfer directly from Luke AFB, Ariz. Transferring the two F-16 squadrons from Luke replaces Holloman's former F-22 mission and frees up needed space at Luke. "The change in mission to the F-35A [training] at Luke requires new construction in some of the existing F-16 Aircraft Maintenance Unit space," explained Lt. Col. Scott Frederick, commander of Holloman's 311th Fighter Squadron. The recently activated squadron falls under the 54th FG. In addition to it, Holloman officials plan to stand up a second flying squadron once assets arrive. A total of 917 personnel are transferring from Luke, plus there will be 23 new positions created at Holloman.

2014

The 54th Fighter Group has begun training new F-16 pilots at Holloman AFB, N.M. The first five student pilots took to the skies for the first time in the F-16 on Nov. 13, followed by two more students on the next day, Lt. Col Scott Fredrick, 311th Fighter Squadron commander, told the newspaper. "This is the culmination of four years of planning and preparation," said Lt. Col. Marshall Chalverus an F-16 instructor pilot and commander of the 54th Operations Support Squadron. The Air Force announced in July 2010 that Holloman would lose its combat-coded F-22s as part of the F-22 fleet's consolidation. In return, the New Mexico base would host an F-16 training schoolhouse. Holloman's first F-16s arrived in April. The base is slated to receive a total of 55 F-16s by October 2015. Fredrick said Holloman currently has 14 F-16 student pilots. It will take them six to eight months to complete their schoolhouse training. 2014

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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