

430th ELECTRONIC COMBAT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

430th Fighter Squadron, Two Engine constituted, 26 May 1943
Activated, 1 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 7 Dec 1945
Redesignated 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 25 Jun 1952
Activated, 10 Jul 1952
Redesignated 430th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1989
Redesignated 430th Electronic Combat Squadron and activated, 1 Aug 1992
Inactivated, 29 June 1993
Redesignated 430th Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron and activated 13 Feb 2013

STATIONS

Glendale, CA, 1 Aug 1943
Van Nuys Metropolitan Aprt, CA, 11 Oct 1943
Oxnard Flight Strip, CA, 3 Jan 4 Feb 1944
Moreton, England, 12 Mar 1944
Neuilly, France, 6 Aug 1944
St Marceau, France, 2 Sep 1944
Peronne, France, 12 Sep 1944
Florennes, Belgium, 2 Oct 1944
Strassfeld, Germany, 30 Mar 1945
Langensalza, Germany, 22 Apr 1945
Nice, France, 15 Jun-28 Nov 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 6-7 Dec 1945
Misawa, Japan, 10 Jul 1952
Kunsan, Korea, 10 Jul 1952
Taegu, Korea, 16 Apr 1953-22 Nov 1954

Clovis AFB, NM, 13 Dec 1954
Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Nov 1966-15 Sep 1968
Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Sep 1968-1 Jul 1989
Cannon AFB, NM, 1 Aug 1992-29 Jun 1993
Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, 13 Mar 2013

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Takhli AB, Thailand, 1 Oct 1972-31 Mar 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

474th Fighter Group, 1 Aug 1943-7 Dec 1945
474th Fighter Bomber Group
474th Fighter Bomber (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1947
4531st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Nov 1966
474th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Sep 1968-1 Jul 1989
27th Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-29 Jun 1993
451st Expeditionary Operations Group 13 Mar 2013

ATTACHMENTS

58th Fighter Bomber Wing, 1 Apr 1953-22 Nov 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1943-1945
P-38F
P-38G
P-38J
P-38L
F-84, 1952-1954
F-86, 1955-1957
F-86H
F-100, 1957
F-100, 1957-1965
F-100D
F-100F
F-4, 1967-1968
F-111, 1969-1975
F-111A
F-4, 1975-1981
F-16A, 1981-1989
F-16B
EC-130, 1992-1993
EF-111, 1992-1993
E-11, 2013

COMMANDERS

Maj Leon B. Temple, 1 Aug 1943
Unkn, 7 Jun 1944
Maj Ralph C. Embrey, 9 Jun 1944
Capt Edward A. McGough, Oct 1944
Maj John E. Hatch, Jr., Nov 1944
Maj Edward A. McGough, Feb 1945
Maj James L Doyle, Feb 1945
LTC Arvis L. Hilpert, 23 Aug 1945
LTC Ellis W. Wright, Jr., 10 Jul 1952
LTC Frank B. Culver, m, 4 Sep 1952
LTC James M. Jones, Jr., 1953-unkn
LTC John E. Vogt, unkn-1955
Maj Robert L. Bobbett, 1955
Capt William D. Adams, 1955
LTC Bernie S. Bass, 3 Get 1955
LTC Emmett E. McClarren, 11 Jan 1956
LTC Jake L. Wilk, Jr., 2 Sep 1957
Maj Robert E. Erickson, 1960
LTC Joseph S. Michalowski, 1961
Maj Robert L. Herman, 14 Mar 1962
Maj Emmett G. Saxon, 15 Dec 1963
Maj Edward Hernandez, 3 Apr 1964
LTC Robert L. Herman, 1 Aug 1964-unkn
Unkn, 15 Sep 1965-22 Feb 1967
LTC Lloyd O. Hawkins, 23 Feb 1967-15 Sep 1968
LTC Robert K. Crouch, 16 Sep 1968
LTC William R. Powers, 25 Jun 1970
LTC James D. Black, 13 Apr 1972
LTC John O. Hanford, 18 Jun 1972
LTC Eugene F Martin, (by 30) Jun 1972
LTC Richard A. Flietz, 26 Apr 1974
LTC Robert Wagner, Jun 1977
LTC Gary E. Cox, 1 Mar 1979
LTC W. Tom West, 28 Feb 1981
LTC T. Ryan Torkelson, 14 Jun 1983
LTC James E. Sandstrom, 28 Jun 1985
LTC Michael Voss, 1 May 1987
LTC Robert R. Scott, 7 Oct 1988-1 Jul 1989
LTC R. Larry Brough, 1 Aug 1992-29 Jun 1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Northern France

Normandy

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Korean War

Korea Summer- Fall, 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea Summer-Fall, 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

France, 23 Aug 1944

Korea, 1 Dec 1952-30 Apr 1953

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

9 Mar 1961-9 Mar 1962

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun- 30 Sep 1944

16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

10 Jul 1952- 30 Mar 1953

EMBLEM





On a disc, edged black a snarling tiger stepping up on a ball, red and yellow, the background red and white go degree strips. The tiger yellow with black stripes, white chest, red and white eyes and red tongue. (Approved, 15 Jul 1954)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Tigers

OPERATION

Combat in ETO, Apr 1944-May 1945.

Combat in Korea, Aug 1952-Jul 1943.

Deployed at Tahldui AB, Thailand, Sep-Dec 1962.

Not operational, Sep 1965-Feb 1967.

F-4D replacement training unit, Sep 1967-Sep 1968.

Received F-111s in Mar 1969.

Performed combat operations in Southeast Asia, Oct 1972-Feb 1973 and Mar 1973.

Conducted F-111 replacement training, Jul 1973-Jun 1975.

Conducted F-4 training, 1975-1981.

Conducted F-16 training, 1981-1989.

Conducted electronic warfare training for Air Force special operations, Aug 1992-Jun 1993.

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan The 451st Tactical Airborne Gateway, the unit here that flies the E-11A, was designated as a squadron during a ceremony on March 13. It is now the 430th Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron. The mission of the E-11A is to serve as a Battlefield Airborne Communications Node, a communications system that provides radio connectivity across the battlespace for airborne and surface operators. "This deployment is a great opportunity for these warriors to serve their country, and being deployed here during the time this unit converts to a squadron makes it extra special," said Lt. Col. Robert Finch, the 430th EECS commander. The unit, which has been operating in Afghanistan since 2009, includes pilots from a variety of different airframes across the Air Force, including the F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-18, A-10 Thunderbolt II, C-17 Globemaster III, C-20, C-21, C-37, C-130 Hercules, KC-10 Extender, KC-135 Stratotanker, RC-135, E-3, U.S. Air Force Academy gliders, B-1 Lancer and the B-2 Spirit. "I continue to be amazed at the quality of Airmen we have in our Air Force, regardless of the aircraft they fly or the career field they serve in," Finch said. "The diversity in this squadron is truly a blessing. The greatest advantage is that it allows us to be able to incorporate the best practices out of each community, which helps make this an outstanding squadron." Finch also praised the maintenance team, which is made up of Northrop Grumman contractors. "They've done a fantastic job at keeping these jets airborne with a mission that requires around-the-clock maintenance," he said. Col. Brook Leonard, 451st Expeditionary Operations Group commander, said the unit does amazing work in bringing "beyond line-of-sight" communications to the fight. "It's really neat that we can do this given the context of this day and age," he said. "Right now we're on the precipice of drawdown and redeployment operations, so to stand up a squadron in this kind of environment is really a privilege. In many ways it speaks to the quality and excellence this unit has exhibited while they were the TAG." The 430th has a long history of service dating back to World War II. It was first constituted as the 430th Fighter Squadron in 1943, then redesignated as the 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron in 1952. It was dubbed the 430th Tactical Fighter Squadron in 1958 and finally the 430th Electronic Combat Squadron in 1992. It was inactivated in July 1993. "The 430th has always been activated when the nation needs us most," Finch said. "We must continue to brainstorm new ideas of how we can provide additional capabilities, allowing ground and air warriors to integrate with each other. I challenge you to continue to innovate and develop new tactics that can allow us to use our capabilities even more effectively." 2013

The Air Force's fourth E-11A communications-relay aircraft only recently entered the fleet, but is already making a difference supporting combat operations in Afghanistan, according to officials at Kandahar Airfield, the base from which these airplanes operate. "It's a beautiful airplane that increases our capability to generate sorties," said Maj. Jacob Hammons, director of operations for Kandahar's 430th Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron, in the base's Oct. 22 release. The E-11As carry the Northrop Grumman-supplied suite of equipment known as the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node that enables uninterrupted communication between ground units beyond line of sight or between ground units and aircraft that might not otherwise be possible due to mountainous terrain. The newest E-11 arrived at JB Langley-Eustis, Va., on Sept. 18, before joining the rest of the fleet in Afghanistan. The E-11s, along with three BACN-equipped

EQ-4B Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft, provide around-the-clock overhead support, according to the release. 2013

Air Force Order of Battle

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