

433rd WEAPONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

433rd Fighter Squadron (Twin-Engine) activated, 14 May 1943 by special authority prior to constitution

Constituted, 15 May 1943

Redesignated 433rd Fighter Squadron, Two-Engine, 14 Feb 1944

Redesignated 433rd Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, 8 Jan 1946

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1949

Redesignated 433rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 11 Sep 1952

Activated, 1 Nov 1952

Inactivated, 8 Jan 1958

Redesignated 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, 16 Jul 1964

Organized, 25 Jul 1964

Inactivated, 23 Jul 1974

Redesignated 433rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, 10 May 1976

Activated, 1 Oct 1976

Inactivated, 30 Dec 1981

Redesignated 433rd Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 25 May 1983

Activated, 1 Sep 1983

Redesignated 433rd Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 8 Jul 1992

Redesignated 433rd Weapons Squadron, 24 Jan 2003

Activated, 3 Feb 2003

STATIONS

Charters Towers, Australia, 14 May 1943

Amberley Field, Australia, 17 Jun 1943

Dobodura, New Guinea, 14 Aug 1943
Finschhafen, New Guinea, 27 Feb 1944
Nadzab, New Guinea, 29 Mar 1944
Hollandia, New Guinea, 15 May 1944
Biak, 14 Jul 1944
Dulag, Leyte, 13 Nov 1944 (air echelon operated from San Jose, Mindoro, 5 Feb-4 Mar 1945)
Clark Field, Luzon, 28 Feb 1945
Lingayen, Luzon, 19 Apr 1945
Ie Shima, Japan, 8 Aug 1945
Kimpo, Korea, 28 Sep 1945
Itami, Japan, 21 Sep 1946
Itazuke, Japan, 18 Nov 1947-1 Apr 1949
Truax Field, WI, 1 Nov 1952
Ladd AFB, AK, 16 Jul 1954
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Nov 1957-8 Jan 1958
George AFB, CA, 25 Jul 1964-Dec 1965
Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965-23 Jul 1974
Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Oct 1976-30 Dec 1981
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Sep 1983-8 Jul 1992
Nellis AFB, NV, 3 Feb 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

475th Fighter Group, 14 May 1943-1 Apr 1949
31st Air Division, 1 Nov 1952
520th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953
11th Air Division, 14 Jul 1954
5001st Air Defense Group, 20 Sep 1954
11th Air Division, 1 Oct 1955
32nd Fighter Group, 1 Nov 1957-8 Jan 1958
Tactical Air Command, 16 Jul 1964
8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Jul 1964-23 Jul 1974
57th Fighter Weapons (later, 57th Tactical Training; 57th Fighter Weapons) Wing, 1 Oct 1976-30 Dec 1981
479th Tactical Training Wing, 1 Sep 1983
479th Fighter Group, 26 Jul 1991
49th Operations Group, 15 Nov 1991-8 Jul 1999
USAF Weapons School, 3 Feb 2003

ATTACHMENTS

347th Fighter Group, 18 Nov 1947-28 Aug 1948

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1943-1946
P-38H

P-51D
P-51, 1946-1949
F-89, 1952-1957
F-89C
F-89D
F-89J
F-94, 1953
F-4C, 1965
F-4D,
F-15 1976-1981
AT-38, 1983-1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Martin L. Low, 17 Jun 1943
Cpt Daniel T. Roberts, 3 Oct 1943
Cpt Warren R. Lewis, 10 Nov 1943
Maj Campbell P. M. Wilson, 15 Aug 1944
Cpt Calvin C. Wire, 14 Mar 1945
Cpt Charles E. Howe Jr., 11 May 1945
Maj James R. Wilson, 16 May 1945
Cpt William F. Haning, Sep 1945
2Lt William L O'Wesney, 1 Nov 1945
Cpt William C. McClure, 18 Apr 1946
1Lt Walter L. Mapes, 8 Jun 1946
1Lt James E. Hunt, 18 Jul 1946
Maj Dean W. Dutrack, 18 Sep 1946
Maj Frank C. Malone, 5 Mar 1947
Cpt Alex E. Ristich, Nov 1947
Cpt Joe Setnor, 29 Dec 1947
Cpt George G. Loving Jr., 5 Jan 1948
LTC Arthur T. Rice, 19 Jun 1948
Maj Amos L. Sluder, 1 Feb-1 Apr 1949
LTC Victor Milner Jr., 1952
Maj John L. Moutier, Feb 1953
Maj George T. Carr, 1956
LTC Ralph R. Goss, 1 May 1957-unkn
LTC William L. Craig, 25 Jul 1964
LTC Robert K. Crouch, by Jun 1966
Maj Frank R. Fiscel, 1 Sep 1966
LTC William Savidge Jr., 1967
LTC Jacob A. Morrow, 21 Jul 1967
LTC Charles R. Dougherty, 15 Dec 1967
LTC Ralph D. Gibson, 30 Dec 1967
LTC Richard J. O'Leary, 29 Nov 1968

LTC John H. Bennett, 7 Apr 1969
LTC Fred J. Cuthill, Aug 1969
LTC Merven L. Evenson, 4 Jul 1970
LTC John C. Marcotte, 30 Aug 1970
LTC Thomas M. Fitzgerald, by Dec 1970
LTC John C. Marcotte, 5 Jan 1971
LTC Elmer L. Slavey, c. 1 Aug 1971
LTC Herman G. Hayes, 13 Aug 1971
LTC Richard D. Hilton, 23 Jan 1972
LTC Herman G. Hayes, 4 Feb 1972
LTC Richard D. Hilton, 18 Mar 1972
LTC Herman G. Hayes, 22 Mar 1972
LTC Richard D. Hilton, 5 Apr 1972
LTC Donald F. Smith, 1 Jul 1972
LTC William P. Crum, 15 Oct 1972
LTC Sommers I. Howard, 14 Feb 1973
LTC James J. Mannion, 3 Jul 1973
LTC Jerald D. Gannon, 5 Mar-23 Jul 1974
LTC David Jacobsen, 1 Oct 1976
LTC Timothy F. O'Keefe Jr., 12 Dec 1977
LTC Thomas C. Skanchy, 7 May 1979
LTC Stuart L. Alton, 15 Aug 1980
None (not manned), 12 May-30 Dec 1981
LTC Robert E. Bryan, 1 Sep 1983
LTC Robert T. Osterthaler, 12 Jul 1985
LTC Thomas J. McGrath, 16 Jan 1987
LTC Robert L. Nida, 24 Feb 1989
LTC Shawn C. McElroy, 2 Aug 1991
LTC Edward G. Schantz, 17 Jun-8 Jul 1992
LTC William H. Mott V, 3 Feb 2003
LTC Bradley K. McCoy, 6 Mar 2003
LTC Kevin J. Robbins, 29 Jun 2005
LTC Andrew Croft, 19 Aug 2005
LTC Peter J. Milohnic, 12 Jul 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

China Defensive

New Guinea

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines
China Offensive
Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Vietnam
Vietnam Defensive
Vietnam Air
Vietnam Air Offensive
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer/Fall, 1969
Vietnam Winter/Spring, 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII
Vietnam Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Wewak, New Guinea, 18 and 21 Aug 1943
Oro Bay, New Guinea, 15 and 17 Oct 1943
Philippine Islands, 25 Oct-25 Dec 1944

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia)

16 Dec 1966-2 Jan 1967
1 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968
1 Jan-1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

16 Dec 1965-15 Dec 1966
1 Apr-30 Sep 1968
1 Jan-31 Dec 1970

1 Oct 1971-31 Mar 1972
1 Apr-22 Oct 1972
18 Dec 1972-15 Aug 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 3 Feb-31 May 2003; 1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006.

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



433rd Weapons Squadron emblem: On a disc Argent, the head of Satan's Angel affronté Vert, half shadowed Dark Green, encircling the sinister horn a winged halo Or, detailed Gold Brown, all between five mullets of the first fimbriated Azure, forming the Southern Cross, all within a narrow border Sable. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "SATAN'S ANGELS" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "433RD WEAPONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the

excellence required of Air Force personnel. The devil's head is the mascot of the Satan's Angels due to their original flying call sign of "Hades" and represents the greatest adversary of humanity. The halo hanging from his left horn symbolizes that Satan's Angels are still honorable and fighting for a just cause. The five stars represent the constellation of the Southern Cross, visible from the Australian states where the unit was first commissioned. (Approved, 25 Feb 1947; modified, 14 May 1954)

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OPERATIONS

Combat in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific, 15 Aug 1943-21 Jul 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, Dec 1965-Jul 1974. Participated in routine tests and evaluation of equipment and weapons, and conducted a fighter weapons instructor course, Oct 1976-May 1981. Replacement combat crew and basic fighter transition training, 1983-1992.

Frustrated by criticism of its inability to stop the infiltration flow, the Air Force tried to improve its night strike capability. Unfortunately, its only night hunters were two B-57s with infrared sensors, and even those aircraft were still under test. In February 1966, the Air Force assigned the 433d and 479th Tactical Fighter Squadrons of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing the sole mission of night interdiction in Laos. Their F-4C aircraft had night sensors but no real-time cockpit displays, and their forward-looking radar provided only a navigation capability. The crews had received almost no night bombing training and had little night experience, causing one of the squadron commanders to evaluate the Air Force night interdiction effort in Southeast Asia as "sporadic and ineffective."

After initially determining that the aforementioned incident was brought on by pilot induced over-stressing of the airframe, the F-89s were released for deliveries again, with limitations upon speeds and G forces permitted. Still, by the end of June, only three more Scorpions were accepted by the ADC. In an attempt to equip the newly activated 433rd FIS at Truax AFB some of the 74th FIS F-89s were shuffled to Wisconsin.

The 176th FIS's relationship with the F-89C was quite limited, as all of their aircraft were grounded on September 25. When their period of active duty with the USAF was over and they returned to State Control, on October 31, 1952, their ground-bound Scorpions were transferred to the 433rd FIS. At this time the 176th FIS received F-51Hs, which they flew with an ADC commitment until October 1954, with some F-86As being brought in with the intention of phasing out the Mustangs in favor of Sabres, but this was an action that was never completed.

Scorpions would replace the mixed bag of Mustangs and Sabres of the 176th FIS in October 1954

The 433rd FIS, having been activated at Truax Field on November 1, 1952, to replace the 176th FIS, obviously got off to a difficult start, as ail of their aircraft were grounded for the first six weeks of their history. In fact, by the end of the year they possessed but a dozen F-89Cs, and none of these were "combat ready." At the time of activation, Lt. Colonel Victor Milner was squadron commander, while Major John Moutier was Executive Officer. The first flight commanders were Majors Samuel Denmark and John Rogers.

The 433rd FIS was assigned to the 31 st Air Division, which was also a newly activated unit headquartered at Truax that likewise took control over the newly activated 11th and 18th FIS's in Minnesota. (The 31st AD would be redesignated as the 520th Air Defense Group on February 16, 1953), The 433rd FIS began to switch to F-94Bs brought in from the Air Training Command in Florida as replacement interceptors on January 7, 1953, while their Scorpions were being returned to Northrop for refurbishment. By the end of June they still had five F-94s remaining but they had regained their dozen F-89Cs, with five of these finally being considered as combat ready. On July 20, 1954, the 433rd FIS was transferred from Truax to Ladd AFB, Alaska, and assigned to the Alaskan Air Command.

The 433rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron was the next ADC squadron to be activated, on November 1, 1952. Established at Truax Air Force Base, Madison, WI, the 433rd FIS replaced the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 176th FIS that was being returned to State control. Initially they were assigned to the also newly activated 31 st Air Division, at Truax (Redesignated as the 520th Air Defense Group on February 16, 1953). The 433rd FIS received only ten F-94Bs between January 7, and February 19, 1953 from the 3625th TW where the crews had undergone their training in the previous two months. Their experience with the F-94B was curtailed by a switch to F-89Cs before 1953 ended, and as soon as they were considered proficient with the Scorpion, in July 1954, they were transferred to Alaska.

Bogoslofski, Bernard J. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	3 Jan 68
Huskey, Richard L. (pilot)	Capt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	3 Jan 68
Kirk, William L. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS 1.0	MiG-21	24 Oct 67
Bongartz, Theodore R. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-21	24 Oct 67
Kirk, William L. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS 1.0	MiG-17	13 May 67
Wayne, Stephen A. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	13 May 67
Haeffner, Fred A. (AC)	Lt Col	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	13 May 67
Bever, Michael R. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	13 May 67
Pardo, John R. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS 1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Wayne, Stephen A. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Olds, Robin (AC)	Col	433 TFS 1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Crocker, Stephen B. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67

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Croker, Stephen B. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Combies, Philip P. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Lafferty, Daniel L. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-17	20 May 67
Combies, Philip P. (AC)	Maj	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jan 67
Dutton, Lee R. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jan 67
Stone, John B. (AC)	Capt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jun 67
Dunnegan, Clifton P. Jr. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jan 67
Glynn, Lawrence J. Jr. (AC)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jan 67
Cary, Lawrence E. (pilot)	1Lt	433 TFS	1.0	MiG-21	2 Jan 67

Air Force Order of Battle

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