

# 26<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

26<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron (Light) constituted, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 2 Mar 1942

Redesignated 26<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Redesignated 26<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 2 Apr 1943

Redesignated 26<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 30 Nov 1943

26<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC) constituted, 23 Jan 1959

Activated, 1 Mar 1959

Inactivated, 30 April 1972

26<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 26<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC). Consolidated squadron Redesignated 26<sup>th</sup> Tactical Missile Squadron, 19 Sep 1985. Unit remains inactive.

## STATIONS

Gray Field, WA, 2 Mar 1942

Salinas AAB, CA, 15 Mar 1943

Redmond AAFld, OR, 16 Aug 1943

Corvallis AAFld, OR, 31 Oct 1943

Will Rogers Field, OK, 14-30 Nov 1943

Otis APB, MA, 1 Mar 1959-30 Apr 1972

## ASSIGNMENTS

70<sup>th</sup> Observation (later Reconnaissance; Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Mar 1942-30 Nov 1943

Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Mar 1959

35<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Apr 1966

21<sup>st</sup> Air Division, 19 Nov 1969-30 Apr 1972

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47, 1942-1943

P-39, 1943

CIM-10 Bomarc A, 1959

CIM-10 Bomarc B

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Unknown, 1942-1943.

LTC William B Garlitz Jr, 1 Mar 1959

LTC John E Flanagan, 19 Jul 1963

Col John W Emig, Sep 1965

LTC James P Jeffrey, Jul 1966

Col Eldor H Schueler, 24 Aug 1967

Maj Burton T Moore, 7 Feb 1969

Maj Larry L King, 31 Dec 1970 - 30 Apr 1972

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

Over and through a blue triangle, a gold hawk, shaded black, in flight, grasping a machine gun black in dexter claw and a telescope black in sinister claw. (Approved, 20 May 1943)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Air support for training ground forces, 1942-1943. Trained personnel and prepared for BOMARC missile operations, 1959-1960. After 1960, operated and maintained BOMARC missiles and associated equipment; trained personnel; and maintained a capability to intercept and destroy hostile aircraft. Inactivated, 30 Apr 1972.

420719	L-1A	41-19024	26OS	70OG	Gray Field, Ft Lewis, WA	TOA	Gay, John E	Tiston, WA
420811	O-47A	37-305	26OS	70OG	Gray Field, Ft Lewis, WA	KTOADF	Faircloth, James F	Gray Field, WA
421124	0-47A	37-341	26OS	70OG	Gray Field, Ft Lewis, Wa	TOAEF	Searle, Steven B	Gray Field, WA
421127	0-47A	37-291	26OS	70OG	Gray Field, Ft Lewis, Wa	TOANU	Searle, Steven B	Gray Field, WA
410925	RO-47B	39-79	26OS		Bellows Field, HI	LAC	Wolfe, John F	Bellows Field, HI

430831	O-47A	37-291	26 Tac Recon	70 Recon	Redmond AAB, OR	LACBL	Tunnell, Hyron C	Redmond AAB, OR
430827	C-47B	39-107	26 Tac Recon	70 Tac Recon	Redmond, OR	TAC	Way, Charles L	AAB, Redmond, OR
430922	P-39N	42-18545	26 Tac Recon	70 Tac Recon	AAF, Burns, OR	TOAEF	Anderstrom, Robert	AAF, Burns, OR

430518	UC-36B	42-38289	26 Recon	70 Recon	AAB Salinas, CA	BLMF	Dodson, George R	Estrella AAB
430705	P-39D	41-7094	26 Recon	70 Recon	Salinas AAB, CA	LAC	McAlarney, Gerald R	McCamey, TX
430819	P-39N	42-18543	26 Recon	70 Recon	AAB, Redmond, OR	LACMF	Dickson, Walter W	AAB, Redmond, OR
430831	P-39N	42-18489	26 Recon	70 Recon	Redmond AAB, OR	BOSSP	Sommer, Leo J	2 Mi NE Redmond, OR

431114	P-39N	42-18508	26ReconSq	70ReconGp	Corvallis AAB, OR	KSSPCR	Powell, Cyrus D	2 mi SW of Fairfax Field, KS
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