

## 42 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

42 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 42 Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942  
Disbanded, 1 May 1944  
Reconstituted, 23 Sep 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 15 Oct 1947  
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 42 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 3 Feb 1953  
Activated, 24 Feb 1953  
Inactivated, 8 Jan 1958  
Redesignated 42 Flying Training Squadron and activated, 25 Jun 1990  
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1991

#### STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941  
Everett, WA, 26 Jun 1941  
Harding Field, LA, 31 Jan 1942 (detachment operated from Ontario, CA, 28 May-8 Jun 1942;  
Kodiak, AK, 12 Jun-8 Sep 1942; Adak, 10 Sep-12 Dec 1942)  
Hillsborough AAFld, FL, 10 May 1943-1 May 1944  
Orchard Place Aprt, IL, 15 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949  
O'Hare Intl Aprt, IL, 24 Feb 1953  
Greater Pittsburgh Aprt, PA, 18 Aug 1955-8 Jan 1958

Columbus AFB, Mississippi, 25 Jun 1990

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

54 Pursuit (later Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944

338 Bombardment Group, 15 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949

501 Air Defense Group, 24 Feb 1953

54 Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-8 Jan 1958

14 Flying Training Wing, 25 Jun 1990

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-39, 1941-1943

P-51A, 1943

F-86D, 1953

T-38

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Aleutian Islands

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Aleutian Islands, [Jun]-4 Nov 1942

### **EMBLEM**





On an Air Force yellow disc, with Air Force blue border, the helmet and arm of an armored knight of the last, detail markings white; the hand grasping a red rocket, in a hurling position; all superimposed over a five pointed white star. (Approved, 7 Mar 1956)

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

Air defense of west coast, May-Jun 1942; combat in Aleutians and Northern Pacific, Jun-Dec 1942; replacement training, Apr 1943-Apr 1944.



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