

55 FIGHTER WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

55 Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Medium), constituted 17 Mar 1943

Activated, 31 Mar 1943

Redesignated 55 Bombardment Wing (Medium) Oct 1943

Redesignated 55 Bombardment Wing (Heavy), Dec 1943

Inactivated 9 Sep 1945

Redesignated 55 Fighter Wing and allotted to ANG (Ohio), 24 May 1946

Extended Federal recognition, 7 Dec 1947

Disbanded 28 Sep 1950

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 31 Mar 1943-Feb 1944

Spinazzola, Italy, Mar 1944

Barin, Italy, Jul 9-Sep 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Guy L. McNeil, Apr 43

Brig Gen George R. Acheson, 11 Jun 1943 to Jun 1944

Errol H. Zistel 7 Dec 1947-28 Sep 1950

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France
Southern France
North Apennines
Rhineland
Central Europe
Po Valley

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Various groups were attached for training prior to Oct 1943. Moved to Italy (Feb-Mar 1944) where combat elements were assigned. Operated with Fifteenth AF in the Mediterranean and European theaters from Mar 1944 until May 1945.

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