

195th FIGHTER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

410th Fighter Squadron constituted, 25 May 1943
Activated, 15 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945
Redesignated 195th Fighter Squadron, and allotted to ANG, 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition 195th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine), 29 Sep 1946
Federalized and placed on active duty, 1 Mar 1951
Returned to state control, 11 Dec 1952
Redesignated 195th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 1 Jan 1953
Redesignated 195th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, 1 Jul 1955
Redesignated 195th Air Transport Squadron, 1 Oct 1961
Federalized and placed on active duty, 1 Oct 1961
Released from active duty and returned to California state control, 31 Aug 1962
Redesignated 195th Military Airlift Squadron, 8 Jan 1966
Redesignated 195th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Apr 1970
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1974
195th Tactical Airlift Squadron withdrawn from California ANG, 1983 (Remained inactive)
195th Tactical Airlift Squadron allotted to Arizona ANG
Redesignated 195th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 1 Jan 1984
Extended federal recognition and activated, 1 Feb 1984
Redesignated 195th Fighter Squadron, 16 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Westover Field, MA, 15 Aug 1943
Norfolk, VA, 23 Oct 1943
Richmond AAB, VA, 13 Feb-14 Mar 1944
Woodchurch, England, 4 Apr-27 Jul 1944
Tour-en-Bassin, France, 30 Jul 1944
St-James, France, 20 Aug 1944
Reims, France, 21 Sep 1944
Le Culot, Belgium, 24 Oct 1944
Venlo, Holland, 14 Mar 1945
Lippstadt, Germany, 20 Apr 1945

Illesheim, Germany, 21 May-Jul 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 4 Aug 1945
Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 20 Aug 1945
Mitchel Field, NY, 28 Sep-7 Nov 1945
Van Nuys Airport, CA
Van Nuys Airport, California, 16 September 1946 – 31 January 1948
Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, California, 1–29 February 1948
Van Nuys Airport, California, 1 March 1948 – 30 September 1974
Tucson International Airport, Arizona, 1 February 1984
Tucson Air National Guard Base, Arizona, 1991-Present

ASSIGNMENTS

373d Fighter Group, 15 Aug 1943-7 Nov 1945
146th Fighter Group, 16 September 1946
146th Composite Wing, 1 October 1950
27th Air Division, Air Defense Command, 1 March 1951
146th Fighter Wing, 1 January 1953
146th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 1 July 1955
146th Air Transport Wing, 1 October 1961
146th Military Airlift Wing, 8 January 1966
146th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 April 1970 – 30 September 1974
162d Tactical Fighter Group, 1 February 1984
162d Fighter Group, 16 March 1992
162d Operations Group, 1 October 1995 – Present

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

P-47, 1943–1945
F-51D, 1946-1953
F-86A, 1953-1957
F-86F, 1957-1959
F-86H, 1959-1961
C-97C, 1961-1970
C-130A, 1970-1973
C-130B, 1973-1974
A-7D
A-7K
F-16A
F-16B
F-16C
F-16D

Support Aircraft

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

F-51	44-64466	44-64255	44-64469	44-64164
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44-64220	44-64386	44-64460	44-64484	44-64579
44-64255	44-64391	44-64466	44-64572	44-64582
44-64283	44-64437	44-64469	44-64575	
44-64291	44-64455	44-64474	44-64577	

F-51D
44-84984

F-86
91008
91036

F-86H
52-1978
53-1346
53-1517
52-2119
52-1978

F-16				
79417	83079	82993	85407	84292
80630	81806	82035	84247	84288
78056	81819	82026	84271	84284
82027	82964	81777	85404	84258
80637	82013	81818	83144	83148
81812	83099	84375	84237	84216
82031	82034	83135	83180	84322
82039	83166	84325	84265	84294
82046	83095	84326	85411	83155
82902	82946	84282	84383	84215
82924	83170	83183	84318	85514
83087	81802	84385	84312	
82980	82933	84391	84299	

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

A-7: AZ

F-16: AZ

UNIT COLORS

F-51H spinner was red and white and the wing and fin tips were red.

Tail flash markings were top-to-bottom: black, green, white, green and black. Fin tips were green.

F-16 1991 - 1997

tailband which is the state flag for Arizona. The state name was carried about a foot below the

tailband. In some rare cases the letters 'IMT' were added to the small blue strip within the state flag tail band. This stood for 'International Military Training'

F-16 1997 - present

The state name Arizona was dropped and the AZ tail code was adopted.

COMMANDERS

LTC Elbert L. Harris, #1974

LTC Cassaro

LTC Al Mosher, 1985

LTC Alex Mahon, 1987

LTC Steve LeFebvre, 1989

Maj Ulay Littleton

LTC Denis Ficarra

LTC Edward P. Maxwell, Feb 2006 - Sep 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Rhine River, 20 Mar 1945

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

Aug 1944

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

1 Oct-17 Dec 1944

18 Dec 1944-15 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Flying Guanacos
Warhawks

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 8 May 1944-4 May 1945.

1948 the 62nd Fighter Wing, the 146th Fighter Group, the 115th Bombardment Squadron (Light), and the 195th Fighter Squadron moves to Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, CA.

The 195th Fighter Squadron (62nd Fighter Wing) returns to Van Nuys ANG base a short time later due to limited ramp space at Burbank, which proved a burden to the Wings mission.

1 Mar 1951: Called to active duty as part of the Korean War call-up but remained based in Van Nuys.

1 Dec 1952: 195 FBS returned to state control.

Called to active duty as part of the Berlin Crisis call-up to conduct worldwide airlift missions from its base in Van Nuys, 1 Oct 1961.

1 Sep 1963: Returned to state control.

When in the Arizona was authorized to organize a replacement training unit to train A-7D pilots for the Guard, the new squadron was given the numerical designation of the 195th TAS, which had been inactivated as a California ANG unit on 30 September 1974.

The 195 Fighter Squadron was formed in as the 195 TFTS, the second squadron assigned to the 162 TFG. Commanded by LTC Cassaro, it was equipped with the A-7D/K. The mission of the 195th was to train combat-ready pilots for the Air National Guard.

In 1985, leadership fell on the shoulders of LTC Al Mosher, under whose command the unofficial nickname of "the Flying Guanacos" was temporarily coined.

The squadron was the last of the Replacement Training Units (RTUs) in that aircraft. The last A-7 class graduated in Jul 1991.

Conversion from the A-7D/K started in 1991 when the 195th FS started to receive many older block 1, 5 and 10 airframes from other USAF units. The mission of the unit was to train combat-ready pilots for the Air National Guard (Replacement Training Unit or RTU). This mission remained after the conversion, but the older airframes were not quite suited to fulfill this mission. However, this transition was quite short-lived since the squadron had to disperse its airframes already a year later. It became a strictly academic squadron with no aircraft assigned at the time.

During the same period the ANG started with training foreign non-NATO pilots. Six aircraft from the 148th FTS were designated to begin a school for those students. This group of aircraft and an initial cadre of instructors formed what would later become IMT (International Military Training). The squadron had no official number or designation.

USAF F-16C block 25 #84-1284 from the 195th FS is seen armed with live AIM-120s & AIM-9M deploys the speed brakes in preparation for landing at Davis-Monthan AFB on August 20th, 2010 after a sortie in support of Operation Noble Eagle. [Photo by James O'Rear]

In 1995 the ANG Staff decided to transfer this school into the 195th TFTS. Thus the squadron regained its aircraft and started flying again. This time these airframes were all block 15 models, giving the squadron a better opportunity in its task.

A growing movement to train non-NATO pilots precipitated a change in the group. Six aircraft from the 148 TFTS were designated to begin a school for those students. Under the command of LTC Ron Shoopman, this group of aircraft and an initial cadre of instructors formed the beginnings of what would later become IMT (International Military Training.) The squadron had no official number or designation. Command of the squadron changed to (then) Maj Ulay Littleton. They installed new software in the jets and worked diligently to make deadlines in preparation for the first students to arrive in 1992. Housed in semi-permanent trailers just east of the operations building, this squadron took on the name of the "International Military Training Squadron" or IMT. The 195th became an academic-only squadron for a short period of time. In 1995, the designation of the 195 TFTS was transferred to the squadron. As the Air Force underwent its reorganization, eventually became the 195th Fighter Squadron. But the International Military Training sign can still be seen hanging over the entrance of the building. There is general confusion about IMT and the 195th. Some think they are two distinct units, but to many they are synonymous. In reality, all of the squadrons in the Wing could wear the patch. For now, the 195 FS is proud to share the name of International Military Training Squadron.

The 195th, commanded by LTC Denis Ficarra, is still at the forefront of international training. The squadron has 25 officers and 5 enlisted personnel permanently assigned. The unit's aircraft are the oldest F-16s flying the F-16A/B block 10 with PW220F engine. Thirteen are assigned currently but the squadron is on the precipice of growing by up to 50% to meet the increasing demands for training.

The squadron is still an RTU, and continues to offer several courses for pilots of non-NATO countries. The students of the 195 FS vary in experience, as well as nationality. Some students are here to convert from some other fighter to the F-16A, some have never flown fighters at all. Others are upgrading to multi-ship Flight Lead or are becoming instructor pilots themselves. Some come to get refresher training by using our simulators, and some come to get current in Air Force instrument procedures. Past and present customers include Singapore, Portugal, Indonesia, Bahrain, and Thailand.

The 195 FS developed the world's first International Advanced Weapons Course (IAWC). This course is designed to take experienced pilots and give them an advanced look at employing the F-16A. Upon graduation, these pilots should be able to go home and pass on the knowledge

gathered here at the 162nd to other pilots. This is in hopes of increasing the capabilities of our coalition forces, should they be required. IAWC is a unique program to the 195 FS.

In 2006 the squadron started converting to block 25 airframes. As one of the last block 15 airframe squadrons within the ANG and the USAF all together, it was decided to mothball the latter completely. Therefore the squadron started receiving newer block 25 airframes that were becoming available from other squadrons, as the 144th FW, 944th FW and 177th FW. The mission of the squadron stayed exactly the same, just being able to perform in a more modern manner with the added capabilities of the block 25 airframes.

511207	F-51D	45-11612	KCRGCW	Webb, Glenn M.	4 Mi SE Widerado
501220	F-51D	45-11527	BOEF	Reid, James F.	6 Mi S Van Nuys.
471109	P-51D	44-73080	LACEF	Spitzer, Nathaniel H	Van Nuys Metropolitan Airport, CA
471213	P-51D	44-74768	LAC	Fishman, Jack S	Van Nuys Metropolitan Airport, CA
500318	C-47A	42-100997	FLF	Loomis, Richard E.	Burbank MAP
500528	F-51D	45-11596	TAC	Gibson, Jack A.	Standiford Field
440123	P-47D	42-8265	GLTO	Van Deventer, Cowell	Norfolk AAF, Norfolk, VA
440212	L-2M	43-26208	TACGC	Mccormick, Robert E	Norfolk AAF, Norfolk, VA
440507	P-47D	42-22471	GL	Haller, Arthur H	Woodchurch/Sta 419
440523	P-47D	42-8616	GL	Nickerson, Richard L	Woodchurch/Sta 419
440525	P-47D	42-25845	GAC		Woodchurch/Sta 419
440608	P-47D	42-26107	TAC	Miller, Henry (NMI)	Woodchurch/Sta 419
440608	P-47D	42-75138	GACF		Woodchurch/Sta 419
440613	P-47D	42-8548	TOA	Layne, Homer J	Woodchurch/Sta 419
440622	P-47D	42-76451	KEX	Haller, Arthur H	Brenzett ELF
440704	P-47D	42-26137	CBLEF	Hutchinson, Lawrence A	Shoreham
440708	P-47D	42-25991	CRT	Scalzi, Samuel W	Woodchurch/Sta 419
440808	P-47D	42-27599	CBLEF	Brindle, John L	Bayeux
440813	P-47D	42-76456	TOA	Wylie, Oscar W	Tour-en-Bessin/A-13
440823	P-47D	42-28427	GL	Degraffenried, Tom L	St James/A-29
440912	P-47D	42-26790	BOMF	Poston, Robert W	St Michel
441011	P-47D	42-28632	TAC	Oeder, William G	Reims/A-62
441029	P-47D	42-26107	LAC	Gillespie, Marcus R	Le Culot/A-89
441106	P-47D	42-27247	GL	Callaghan, Erwin J	Le Culot/A-89
441116	P-47D	42-28632	LAC	Markell, John E	St Trond/A-92
441230	P-47D	44-20202	CBL	Regnier, Ralph R	Le Culot/A-89
450221	P-47D	44-20091	TOAEF	Mehess, Gus J	Le Culot/A-89
450225	P-47D	42-28945	BOMF	Callaghan, Erwin J	Godinne {O-9398}
450311	P-47D	42-76103	MAC	Kozak, Charles J	Le Culot/ 25mi SW
450314	P-47D	44-20242	LAC	DeGraffenraid, Tom L	Venlo/Y-55
450409	P-47D	42-75631	GACDF	Sears, Raymond F	Venlo/Y-55
450410	P-47D	44-20231	TAC	Dolan, Gordon D	Venlo/Y-55
450420	P-47D	42-75066	LACEF	Haines, Glenn B	Venlo/Y-55
450605	P-47D	42-7863	CBL	Kozak, Charles J	Illesheim/R-10
450919	TP-47D	44-90258	KCR	McLeod, Duke A	2M NNE Norfolk, VA
440123	P-47D	42-8265	GLTO	Van Deventer, Cowell	Norfolk AAF, VA



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