

1st FIGHTER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

1st Fighter Squadron, Single Engine constituted, 5 Oct 1944
Activated, 15 Oct 1944
Inactivated, 15 Oct 1946
Redesignated 1st Fighter Day Squadron, 26 Aug 1954
Activated, 11 Nov 1954
Redesignated 1st Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 15 Mar 1959
Redesignated 1st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 14 Oct 1983
Activated, 1 Jan 1984
Redesignated 1st Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated 15 Dec 2006

STATIONS

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 15 Oct 1944
Bluethenthal Field, NC, 9 Nov 1944–7 Apr 1945
Ie Shima, 19 May 1945
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 17 Nov 1945
Yontan AB, Okinawa, 29 Jan–15 Oct 1946
George AFB, CA, 11 Nov 1954–15 Mar 1959
Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1984

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Moron AB, Spain, 27 Jun–12 Nov 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

413th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1944–15 Oct 1946
413th Fighter-Day Group, 11 Nov 1954
413th Fighter-Day (later, 413th Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957–15 Mar 1959
325th Tactical Training Wing, 1 Jan 1984

325th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

ATTACHMENTS

Sixteenth Air Force, 27 Jun–12 Nov 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1944–1946

F-86H, 1954–1956

F-100C, 1956

F-100F

F-15, 1984

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

B-25D

41-30515

P-47C

42-24985

P-47D

42-22653

42-27806

44-32841

P-47G

42-25045

42-25003

P-47N

44-87804

44-87819

44-87830

44-87855

44-87974

44-88014

44-88031

44-88042

44-88132

44-88166

44-88167

44-88171

44-88362

F-86H

53-1280

F-100D
56-2933
55-3714
55-3758
55-3781
56-2033

F-100F
56-3955
56-3950

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

F-15: TY

UNIT COLORS

P-47N rudders were black but leaving the outline of a diamond in natural metal finish and painting the forward cowl and wing tips black also. Later, the 1st FS painted the tails of its planes blue with a yellow or black diamond on the vertical tail.

F-86H markings were Day-Glo red and consisted of all-red vertical and horizontal tail and spine, lower canopy frame, fuselage stripe, intake lip and drop tank nose.

F-100C unit markings consisted of a band around the aircraft nose and one across the top part of the fin in red.

COMMANDERS

LTC Charles E. Yeager

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
[1 Jan 1984]–31 May 1985

EMBLEM

On a Yellow disc, edged Blue, a stylized representation of one of the Furies (mythical Greek goddesses of vengeance), wearing a Black form-fitting gown, and cape trimmed on under side Red, and Red boots, seated on a large, White cloud formation in base, facing toward sinister, and holding a skull, proper, in the right hand. (Approved, 1 Mar 1945 and most recently modified and reinstated in 1994; replaced emblem approved for use May 1984–Jan 1986 and Apr 1986–Jun 1994)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

Fightin' Furies

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in Western Pacific, 20 May–14 Aug 1945.

The Unit trained for long range operations with P-47s before moving to the Pacific Theater during April to June of 1945. The P-47s were used for strafing missions, dive bombing and attacks on airfields, factories and radar stations, among other targets.

On an island near Okinawa the 1st launched P-47s against the Japanese, amassing almost 1,200 combat air patrol, bombing, strafing and escort missions. It was during this era, the squadron adopted its emblem, "Miss Fury."

On 1 Dec 1944, a P-47D 42-22653, piloted by Jack W. Sanford crashed while landing at Bluethenthal Field, NC causing a ground loop.

On 18 Jan 1945 P-47D 42-27806 piloted by Samuel Scatterday, collided with a tow target and crashed in Hollyridge, NC.

On 18 Jan 1945, P-47N 44-87804 piloted by Harland E Doebereiner, was destroyed in a taxing accident at Bluethenthal Field, NC.

In 1955, the transition to the F-86H was reported completed in August of that year. Low skill level maintenance technicians remained a concern, but a solution was found: Project Tool Box, initiated by 9th Air Force was designed to expedite and enhance training of maintenance technicians working to achieve the 5-skill level rating. The 1st FDS was designated to conduct training and store affected aircraft. The training program and affected training facilities fell under the direct control of the squadron commander.

On 1 Jul 1958, the squadron was subsequently named the 1st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron as part of the 413th Tactical Fighter Wing. During this time, the squadron trained fighter pilots, in F-86s from 1954-1956 and F-100s from 1956-1959.

On 1 Jan 1984, the squadron was activated as the 1st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, part of the 325th Tactical Training Wing at Tyndall. The 1st TFTS was activated in order to train fighter pilots in the F-15.

On 5 May 1994, a 1st Fighter Squadron pilot safely ejected from his F-15C before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico about 5 miles south of Port St. Joe, FL. On a training mission, the student pilot lost control due to G-induced loss of consciousness and was rescued from the gulf by an MH-53 from the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field FL.



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