

20th FIGHTER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

20th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 22 Dec 1939
Activated, 1 Feb 1940
Inactivated, 2 Apr 1946
Redesignated 20th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 27 Oct 1972
Activated, 1 Dec 1972
Redesignated 20th Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated, 8 Jul 1992
Activated, 1 Jul 1993

STATIONS

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Feb 1940
Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Sep–30 Oct 1940
Nichols Field, Luzon, 18 Nov 1940
Clark Field, Luzon, Jul 1941
Bataan, Luzon, 25 Dec 1941–Apr 1942 (operated from Lubao, Luzon, 25–31 Dec 1941, and from Mindanao, 8 Apr–May 1942)
George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1972
Holloman AFB, NM, 5 Jun–8 Jul 1992
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jul 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940
4th Composite Group, 14 Dec 1940
24th Pursuit Group, 1 Oct 1941–2 Apr 1946
35th Tactical Fighter (later, 35th Tactical Training; 35th Tactical Fighter; 35th Fighter) Wing, 1 Dec 1972–8 Jul 1992
49th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-36, 1940
P-26, 1940-1941
P-35, 1941
P-40, 1941-1942
F-4, 1972-1992

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Philippine Islands

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941-10 May 1942
Philippine Islands, 8-22 Dec 1941
Philippine Islands, 6 Jan-8 Mar 1942

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

2 Feb 1976-31 Mar 1977
1 Jun 1985-31 May 1987
1 Mar 1990-29 Feb 1992

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM

Azure a wolf head couped and issuant from dexter chief Argent (Silver Gray) garnished Sable eyed Gules and armed Argent, within an annulet of the second edged Black. Approved on 17 Oct 1994; replaced emblem approved on 4 Mar 1977.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME
SILVER LOBOS

OPERATIONS

Combat in the Philippine Islands, 8 Dec 1941–c. 1 May 1942; ground echelon fought as infantry unit in Bataan, 18 Jan–c. 8 Apr 1942. Carried as an active unit but was not operational from the fall of the Philippines until 2 Apr 1946. Trained German Air Force aircrews in the F-4, Sep 1973–Jun 1992.

Upon the departure of the 20th Pursuit Squadron of the 35th Pursuit Group for the Philippines November 23, 1940, the 34th Pursuit Squadron was brought from Brooks Field, Texas, as a replacement. One hundred and sixty-one enlisted men but no officers came with the Squadron. Captain C. D. Vincent was placed in command. The Squadron has been at Hamilton Field since that date. The present commander is Second Lieutenant Samuel H. Marett.

F-4E, 75-0635, of the 20th TFS, 35th TFW, at George AFB, on August 19, 1983.

20th Pursuit Squadron (35th Pursuit Group)

HQ-Not organized 1939-40; Moffett Field, CA, 1940; Hamilton Field, CA, 1940; Nichols Field, PI, 1940-41; Clark Field, PI, 1941

Constituted in the Regular Army on 22 December 1939 and assigned to the 35th Pursuit Group. Activated on 1 February 1940 at Moffett Field, CA. Transferred on 10 September 1940 to Hamilton Field, CA. Transferred to Nichols Field, PI, arriving there 18 November 1940. Relieved from the 35th Pursuit Group on 14 December 1940 and assigned to the 4th Composite Group. Relieved from assignment to the 4th Composite Group on 1 October 1941 and assigned to the 24th Pursuit Group. Departed from San Pedro, CA, 31 October 1941 on the U.S.A.T. Washington and arrived at Manila, PI, about mid-November 1941. Transferred to Clark Field, PI, on the same day. Location 7 December 1941—Clark Field, PI. Status: Active in the U. S. Air Force as the 20th Fighter Squadron at Holloman A.F.B., NM.

Commanders, 20th Pursuit Squadron Maj. Orrin L. Grover 1 Feb 40-9 May 41 1st Lt. Joseph H. Moore 9 May 41-ao Dec 41

410328	P-35A	41-17441	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	GL	Weaver, James H	Nichols Field, PHI
410331	P-35A	41-17434	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	LAC	Marble, Hugh, Jr	Nichols Field, PHI
410409	P-35A	41-17484	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	GL	Batchelor, Jack F.	Nichols Field, PHI

410528	P-26A	33-62	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	MAC	Valkenaar, John J	15 miles south of Nichols Field, PHI
410528	P-26A	33-131	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	MAC	Crellin, Edward B	15 miles south of Nichols Field, PHI
410528	P-35A	41-17441	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	LAC	Louk, Max	Nichols Field, PHI
410530	P-35A	41-17440	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	GMAC	Connelly Martin R	Nichols Field, PHI
410531	P-35A	41-17437	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	FLEF	Connelly, Martin R	Malolos, Bulacan, PHI
410613	P-35A	41-17458	20PS	4CG	Nichols Field, PHI	LAC	Armstrong, Frederick	Nielson Airport, Manila, PHI
410710	P-26A	33-61	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	GL	Mcknight, Melvin E.	Clark Field, PHI
410716	P-35A	41-17458	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Mcknight, Melvin E.	Clark Field, PHI
410719	P-40B	41-5268	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Louk, Max	Clark Field, PHI
410728	P-26	33-61	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Gies, Carl P.	Clark Field, PHI
410729	P-40B	41-5285	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	TAC	Anderson, Marshall J.	Clark Field, PHI
410729	P-40B	41-5271	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	TAC	None	Clark Field, PHI
410730	P-40B	41-5276	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Geer, John H.	Clark Field, PHI
410824	P-40B	41-5278	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Shevlin, Eugene B	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
410827	P-40B	41-5280	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	FLEF	Weaver, James H	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
410903	RP-40B	41-5270	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Geer, John H	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
410917	RP-35A	41-17473	20PS	4CG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACGL	Luker, Jesse A	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI

401214	P-26A	33-62	20PS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LAC	Marble, Hugh H., Jr	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
410217	P-26A	33-83	20PS		Nichols Field, PHI	GL	Anderson, Marshall J	Nichols Field, PHI
410809	P-40B	41-5279	20PS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Shevlin, Eugene B	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI

410925	RP-40B	41-5266	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Duncan, Robert P	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
410930	RP-35A	41-17468	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Bliss, Daniel L	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
411011	RP-40B	41-5271	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACGL	Liker, Jesse A	Clark Field, PHI
411013	RP-40B	41-5262	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	KMAC	Weaver, James H	near Minalin, Pampanga, PHI
411013	P-40B	41-5281	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	MAC	Louk, Max	near Minalin, Pampanga, PHI
411014	RP-35A	41-17473	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACGL	Marble, Hugh H	Nielson Airport, San Pedro, Makati, PHI
411031	P-40B	41-5269	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Crellin, Erwin B	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
411110	RP-35A	41-17450	20PS	24PG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	BOMAC	Akins, William T	Candaba, Pampanga, PHI

411002	RP-40C	41-13471	20PS	18PG	Albrook Field, CZ	FLEF	Miller, William E	15 mi e of Checpo River, PAN
410226	P-35A	41-27434	20PS	1MS	Nichols Field, PHI	GLMF	Warden, Henry E	Nichols Field, PHI

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Sources
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