

## 49 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

49 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine), 15 May 1942  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Two Engine, 28 Feb 1944  
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled and activated, 20 Nov 1946  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Squadron, Jet, 26 Jul 1948  
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949  
Redesignated 49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 11 Sep 1952  
Activated, 1 Nov 1952  
Inactivated, 7 Jul 1987  
Redesignated 49 Flying Training Squadron, 11 May 1990  
Activated, 25 Jun 1990  
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1992  
Activated, 1 Jul 1993

#### STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941  
March Field, CA, 10 Jun 1941 (operated from San Diego, CA, 7–12 Dec 1941)  
Hamilton Field, CA, 9 May–16 Jul 1942  
Atcham, England, 18 Aug–28 Oct 1942  
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942  
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 22 Nov 1942  
Berteaux, Algeria, 9 Jan 1943

Mediouna, French Morocco, 5 Mar 1943  
Telergma, Algeria, 5 May 1943  
El Bathan, Tunisia, 3 Jun 1943  
Ste-Marie-du-Zit, Tunisia, 25 Jul 1943  
Triolo Airfield, Italy, 12 Dec 1943 (operated from Corsica, 10–21 Aug 1944)  
Lesina, Italy, Sep–9 Sep 1945  
Dow Field (later, AFB), ME, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949  
Dow AFB, ME, 1 Nov 1952  
Laurence G. Hanscom Field, MA, 5 Nov 1955  
Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1959–7 Jul 1987  
Columbus AFB, MS, 25 Jun 1990–18 Sep 1992  
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1993

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

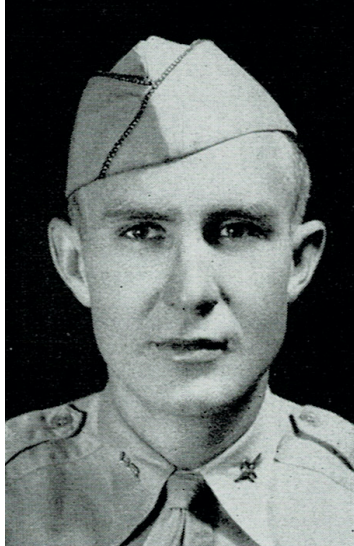
14<sup>th</sup> Pursuit (later, 14<sup>th</sup> Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941–9 Sep 1945  
14<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 20 Nov 1946–2 Oct 1949  
4711<sup>th</sup> Defense (later, 4711<sup>th</sup> Air Defense) Wing, 1 Nov 1952  
4707<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, 5 Nov 1955  
32<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 16 Jun 1956  
Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Aug 1958  
4727<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Group, 1 Jul 1959  
Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 15 Oct 1959  
Boston Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963  
35<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
21<sup>st</sup> Air Division, 19 Nov 1969  
24<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 23 Sep 1983–7 Jul 1987  
14<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Wing, 25 Jun 1990  
14<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–18 Sep 1992  
14<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P–40  
P–43  
P–66, 1941  
P–38, 1941–1945  
P–47, 1946–1949  
P–84, 1947–1949  
F–80, 1952–1953  
F–86, 1953–1959  
T–33, 1952–1953, 1956–1986  
F–89, 1959  
F–101, 1959–1968  
F–106, 1968–1987  
T–38, 1990–1992

## COMMANDERS

2Lt James K. Dowling, 15 Jan 1941



Maj Arman Peterson (USAAC photo)

Maj Arman Peterson, 30 Apr 1941

2LT Cowell Van Deventer, 30 Jan 1942-7 Feb 1942

Maj Kenneth S. Wade, 3 May 1942

Cpt Paulett Spivey, 10 Jun 1942

Cpt Harold E. Lewis, Oct 1942

1Lt Thomas J. Morris Jr., 5 Dec 1942

1Lt William J. Hoelle, 30 Dec 1942

1Lt William G. Newman, 27 Mar 1943

Maj Henry H. Trollope, 10 Jun 1943

Maj B. E. MacKenzie, 21 Sep 1943

Cpt John D. Sandifer, 14 Jan 1944

Maj Nathan M. Abbott, 19 Apr 1944

Cpt Louis W. Kandrath, 5 Aug 1944

Cpt William H. Edwards, Sep 1944

Lt Col Donald W. Nance, 26 Nov 1944-1945

Unkn, 20 Nov 1946

Lt Col George Levan Jr., 21 Dec 1946

Maj John R. Petrovich, 1948-1949

Maj Reginald L. Hays, 1 Nov 1952

Maj Alfred L. Cummings, 1 Oct 1953

Maj James G. Kuntz, 27 Mar 1954

Maj John A. Bell, 1954

Lt Col Robert H. Damico, 1955

Lt Col Norman W. Campion, 5 Aug 1958  
Lt Col John A. Bell, 1960  
Col Alan G. Long, 1961  
Lt Col John A. Nelson, 17 Jul 1961  
Lt Col Paul L. Carlisle, 9 Jul 1964  
Lt Col Frederick M. O'Conner, 9 Oct 1964  
Lt Col Robert F. Herman, 4 Aug 1967  
Lt Col Oscar Bayer, 8 Jul 1969  
Lt Col Douglas D. Brenner, Apr 1971  
Lt Col James W. Vorhies, 30 Jun 1972  
Lt Col Kenneth E. Nelle, 30 Jun 1973  
Lt Col Howard H. McWhorter Jr., 31 Dec 1973  
Lt Col Thomas C. Thompson, 30 Sep 1974  
Lt Col Frederick R. Williams, 1 Oct 1975  
Lt Col James K. Lowe, Sep 1977  
Lt Col Bruce Worrell Jr., Jun 1979  
Lt Col Larry L. Wusk, 12 Jun 1981  
Lt Col Ardie L. Smith, 17 Apr 1983  
Lt Col Steven B. Rogers, 15 Mar 1985  
Lt Col Richard D. Rider, 20 Jun 1990  
Lt Col Richard W. Peterson, 17 May-18 Sep 1992  
Lt Col Kenneth M. Ware, 23 Jul 1993  
Lt Col Gregory H. Robinson, 26 Jul 1995  
Lt Col Lorin C. Long, 17 Jul 1997  
Lt Col Robert C. Nohrn, 17 Dec 1998  
Lt Col Kenneth L. Dressel, 12 Oct 1999  
Lt Col Douglas W. Miller, 18 Jan 2002  
Lt Col Mark G. Connolly, 11 Jul 2003  
Lt Col Mark F. Schwarz, 6 May 2005  
Lt Col Thomas J. Lennon Jr, 10 May 2007  
Lt Col Tor F. Dietrichs, 3 July 2008  
Lt Col Chris R. Stricklin, 18 June 2010  
Lt Col Neil P. Oakden, 28 Jun 2012

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio  
Rome-Arno  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Po Valley  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Austria, 2 Apr 1944

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975  
1 Oct 1975–31 Jul 1977  
1 Jul–17 Sep 1992  
23 Jul 1993–30 Jun 1994  
1 Jul–1 Oct 2000  
1 Jan 2001–31 Dec 2002  
1 Jan 2003–30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2003–30 Jun 2005

### **EMBLEM**



49 Fighter Squadron emblem



49 Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblems



49 Flying Training Squadron patches



49 Fighter Training Squadron patch

49 Fighter Training Squadron emblem On a disc Vert, a lightning flash bendwise sinister throughout Or surmounted by a knight's helmet Sable, garnished Silver Gray and plumed Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "49 FIGHTER TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The helm embodies the discipline, courage, and integrity of the knight and reflects the formation of those characteristics by the Squadron in development of fighter pilots. The lightning flash represents the striking power of today's Air Force and recalls the unit's heritage by symbolizing the first aircraft used by the unit, the P-38 Lightning. (Approved, 28 Feb 1995; replaced emblems approved, 23 May 1990 and 23 Jul 1954)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

Cavaliers  
Green Eagles

## **OPERATIONS**

Air defense patrols, 7–12 Dec 1941. Combat in ETO and MTO, 21 Oct 1942–1 May 1945. Air defense, 1947–1949, and 1952–1987. Undergraduate pilot training, 1990–1992.

Flying Training Squadrons Inactivated. With pilot production down dramatically, the command reassessed the need for four flying training squadrons at each UPT base and concluded two would do. Accordingly, on 1 October 1992, ATC inactivated the following units: the 43d and 49 Flying Training Squadrons at Columbus AFB, Mississippi; the 84th and 86th Flying Training Squadrons at Laughlin AFB, Texas; the 7th and 26th at Vance AFB, Oklahoma; and the 33d at Reese AFB, Texas. That left one T-37 squadron and one T-38 squadron at each UPT wing. As each wing implemented specialized undergraduate pilot training, ATC intended to reactivate one of the squadrons to serve as the T-1A squadron. 1992

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