

53rd FIGHTER WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

53rd Troop Carrier Wing constituted, 27 Jul 1942

Activated, 1 Aug 1942

Inactivated, 11 Oct 1945

Redesignated 53rd Fighter Wing

Allotted to PA ANG, 24 May 1946

Extended federal recognition, 17 Jan 1947

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

STATIONS

General Billy Mitchell Field, WI, 1 Aug 1942

Pope Field, NC, 26 Aug 1942

Ft Sam Houston, TX, 15 Sep 1942

Bergstrom AAFld, TX, 5 Nov 1942

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 15 Apr 1943

Alliance AAFld, NE, 25 Jul 1943

Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 19 Sep 1943

Pope Field, NC, 20 Dec 1943-19 Jan 1944

Greenham Common, England, n Mar 1944

Voisenon, France, 20 Feb-Oct 1945

Camp Shanks, NY, 10-11 Oct 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Col Harold L. Clark, 1 Aug 1942

BG Maurice M. Beach, 22 Aug 1942-1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater
Normandy
Northern France
Southern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through an ultramarine blue disc, within a light blue annulet, piped gold, a torch of liberty fired proper, handle of torch formed of open parachute argent, surmounted by a C-47 transport plane or, in flight, in front of flames of torch; on the field eight mullets or, arranged five to dexter, three to sinister. (Approved, 6 Apr 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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