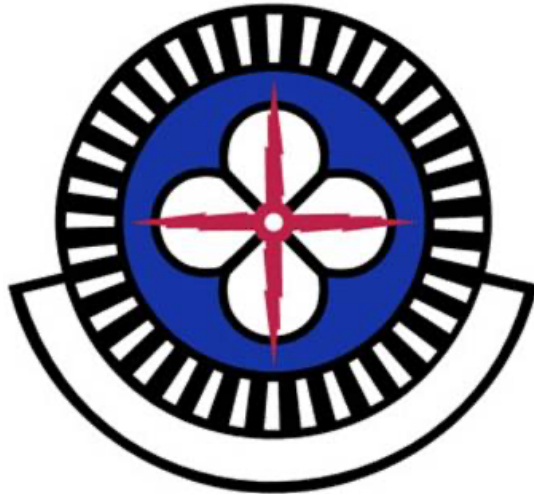


88 FIGHTER TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

88 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 13 Jan 1942
Activated, 9 Feb 1942
Redesignated 88 Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942
Redesignated 88 Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine), 1 Jul 1942
Redesignated 88 Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, 28 Feb 1944
Inactivated, 3 Nov 1945
Redesignated 88 Flying Training Squadron, 25 May 1972
Activated, 1 Jan 1973
Redesignated 88 Fighter Training Squadron, 18 Oct 2007

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 9 Feb 1942
Bridgeport, CT, 25 Jun 1942
Farmingdale, NY, 2 Sep 1942
Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Mar–30 Apr 1943
Karachi, India, 28 Jun 1943
Mokelbari, India, Oct 1943
Shingbwiyang, Burma, 3 May 1944 (detachment operated from Myitkyina, Burma, May–20 Aug 1944)
Myitkyina, Burma, 23 Jan 1945
Moran, India, 3 May 1945
Dudhkundi, India, 29 May–6 Oct 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945
Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

80 Pursuit (later, 80 Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942–3 Nov 1945
80 Flying Training Wing, 1 Jan 1973
80 Operations Group, 2 Jan 1998

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1942–1943
P-40, 1943–1944
P-47, 1944–1945
T-37, 1973
T-38, 1981
AT-38B, 1993-2006
T-38, 1981-2006
T-38, 2006

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 9 Feb 1942-3 Nov 1945
LTC David D. Brandt, 1 Jan 1973
LTC Mylus G. Anderson, 30 Apr 1973
LTC Herman K. McDonald, 27 May 1975
LTC James E. Rousey, 1 Apr 1977
LTC Theodore M. Duigon, 7 May 1979
LTC Jeffrey T. Ellis, 1 Jul 1980
LTC Dennis A. Smith, 8 Jun 1981
LTC William J. Hamm, 27 Jun 1983
LTC Mogens P. Kristensen, 10 Jan 1985
LTC William J. Frey, 22 Apr 1988
LTC Douglas M. Smith, 9 Feb 1990
LTC James P. Skalko, 18 Dec 1991
LTC Michael W. Palmer, 8 Apr 1993
LTC David Atzhorn, 16 May 1994
LTC Bernd Heiber (GAF), 14 Jul 1995
LTC Michael W. Ford, 21 May 1998
LTC James J. Evanko, 6 Oct 1999
LTC Eric Bogaards (RNLAF), 8 Jan 2001
LTC Kevin Smith, 13 Jun 2003
LTC Richard I. McCool, 18 Mar 2005
LTC Rick A. Davis, 16 Nov 2006
Lt Col Rick A. Davis, 16 Nov 2006
Lt Col Christian Rode (GAF), 18 Jan 2008
Lt Col James Robinson, 4 Jun 2009
Lt Col Dag Simastuen (RNoAF), 10 Jun 2011
Lt Col Tyler D. Nelson, 31 May 2013

Lt Col Richard Blagg, 2 Mar 2015
Lt Col Mitchell J. Cok, 10 Feb 2017
Lt Col Mark Hickie, 17 Aug 2018
Lt Col Andreas Hauke, 7 May 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaigns Streamers

World War II
India-Burma
Central Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Assam, India, 27 Mar 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Mar 1975–1 Mar 1977
10–20 Apr 1979
1 Jul 1980–28 Feb 1982
1 Mar 1982–30 Apr 1983
1 Jul 1999–30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001–30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2010–30 Jun 2012
1 Jul 2013–30 Jun 2015
1 Jul 2017–30 Jun 2019

EMBLEM

88 Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) emblem: The black and white segments of the border represent the turbine wheel of a turbo-supercharger. The four lightning bolts in cross represent the 4-bladed propeller of the P-47. The quatrefoil was added to provide symmetry to the design and contrast to the propeller. (Approved, 18 Jan 1943)



88 Flying Training Squadron emblem: On a Light Blue disc, within a border compony of seventy-two segments alternate Black and White, a quatrefoil White, outlined Black, surmounted by four Red lightning bolts in cross, joined at center by an annulet of the last. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations for the squadron. The quatrefoil represents clouds. The lightning bolts suggest a propeller signifying the trainers the squadron uses and also reflecting the need to train aviators in all weather conditions. The border resembles a turbo wheel of a turbo supercharger. (Approved, 18 Jul 1995)

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OPERATIONS

Initially constituted as a P-47 Squadron, the 88 trained in this aircraft from June 1942 until April 1943 when it was learned that they were assigned to the Far East and not Europe as expected. At this time the squadron transitioned from the P-47 to the P-40.

Combat in CBI, 1 Oct 1943–28 Apr 1945.

Aerial Victory Credits

Cpt Owen R. Aired, 9 Jul 1944

2Lt Calvin J. Baldwin, 9 Jul 1944

1Lt Robert N. Gale, 9 Jul 1944

Undergraduate pilot training for USAF and students from selected nations, 1973–1981.

Euro-NATO joint pilot training, Oct 1981.

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