

425th Fighter Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 425th Night Fighter Squadron on
23 November 1943.

Activated on 1 December 1943.

Inactivated on 25 August 1947.

Redesignated 425th Tactical Fighter Training
Squadron on 22 August 1969.

Activated on 15 October 1969.

Inactivated on 1 September 1989.¹

Redesignated as 425th Fighter Squadron on
1 December 1992.

Activated on 30 December 1992.²



Honors.

Campaign Streamers.

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Normandy [1944]

Northern France [1944]

Rhineland [1944-1945]

Ardennes-Alsace [1944-1945]

Central Europe [1945]

Air Combat [1941-1945]

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 October-31 December 1969

1 January 1971-31 December 1972

1 January 1975-31 December 1976³

1 January 1978-31 December 1979⁴

1 August 1982-31 May 1984

30 December 1992-31 March 1994⁵

¹ TAC SO GB-45, 23 August 1989

² ACC SO GB-27, 14 December 1992

³ DAF SO GB-118, 1 March 1978

⁴ DAF SO GB-022, 19 January 1981

⁵ AETC SO GA-78, 28 Feb 1995

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (Continued)

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996⁶
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998⁷
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁸
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁹
- [1 July] 2003-30 June 2005¹⁰
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006¹¹
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007¹²
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008¹³
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹⁴
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹⁵
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹⁶
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹⁷
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁸
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁹
- 1 July 2014-30 June 2015²⁰
- 1 July 2015-30 June 2016²¹

Special Honors.

Citation in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 June-30 September 1944.

Squadron – 20 Total Aerial Victory Credits. Squadron Aces: None.

⁶ AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

⁷ AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

⁸ AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

⁹ AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

¹⁰ AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

¹¹ AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

¹² AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

¹³ AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

¹⁴ AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

¹⁵ AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

¹⁶ AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

¹⁷ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁸ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁹ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

²⁰ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

²¹ AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

Assignments. 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 1 December 1943; Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944; IX Air Defense Command, 10 June 1944; 471st Fighter Wing, 20 June 1944; IX Air Defense Command, 6 August 1944; XIX Tactical Air Command, 7 October 1944; Ninth Air Force, 7 July 1945; Fourth Air Force, 9 September 1945; Air Defense Command, 21 March 1946; Fourth Air Force, 31 July 1946-25 August 1947. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 October 1969; 405th Tactical Training Wing, 29 August 1979²²-1 September 1989. 58th Operations Group, 30 December 1992; 56th Operations Group, 1 April 1994-.²³

Stations. Orlando Air Base, Florida, 1 December 1943; Hammer Field, California, 30 January 1944; Visalia Muni Airport, California, 25 February-1 May 1944; Chormy Down, England, 26 May 1944; Scorton, England, 12 June 1944; Stoneman Park, England, 12 August 1944; Vannes, France, 18 August 1944; Le Moustoiris, France, 1 September 1944; Coulommiers, France, 11 September 1944; Prosnes, France, 13 October 1944; Etain, France, 9 November 1944; Frankfurt, Germany, 12 April 1945; Furth, Germany, 2 May 1945; Crepy-en-Laommiss, France, 5 July 1945; St Victoret, France, 18-24 August 1945; Lemoore Army Air Field, California, 9 September 1945; Camp Pinedale, California, 23 October 1945; March Field, California, 8 March 1946; McChord Field, Washington, 1 September 1946-25 August 1947. Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, 15 October 1969-1 September 1989. Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 30 December 1992-.

Aircraft.

Northrop YP-61 Black Widow	1944
Douglas A-20 Havoc,	1944
Douglas P-70 Nighthawk	1944
Northrop P-61 Black Widow	1944-1946, 1946-1947
Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter	1969-1989
Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon	1983-.

Emblem. Approved on 7 January 1993; replaced emblems approved on 11 June 1970 (KE 37,892) and 4 May 1945 (29593 A.C.).

Blazon. Gules, a target viewfinder throughout Sable, surmounted by a " black widow" spider in base of the last garnished of the first between two lightning flashes chevronwise Argent, all within a diminished border Black.

Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "425th FTR SQ".

Official Motto. None.

Significance. On a red globe is a fighter pilot's gunsight. A Black Widow spider is superimposed ovet the gunsight. On either side of the spider is a white lightning bolt. The

²² TAC SO GA-95, 20 August 1979

²³ AETC SO G-40, 20 April 1994

red globe is consistent with Singaporean national colors, acknowledging their role in the reactivation of this squadron. The unit mission is to support Peace Carvin II (Foreign Military Sales), selling F-16s and training to the Republic of Singapore. The gunsight reflects the tools of the fighter pilot's trade. It also symbolizes the web of the Black Widow spider. · The Black Widow spider maintains historical continuity with the squadron's original mission as a P-61 Black Widow Night Fighter Squadron in World War II. The lightning bolts on either side of the spider symbolize the striking power of modern tactical fighters.

Commanders.

425th Night Fighter Squadron [1 December 1943- 25 August 1947]

Unknown	1-9 December 1943
Lt Col Leon G. Lewis	10 December 1943
Maj Russell Glasser	10 February 1945 (temporary)
Capt McDonald	7 May 1945 (temporary)
Lt Col Leon G. Lewis	c. June 1945-Unknown
Unknown	Unknown-31 August 1946
Lt Col George Laven, Jr.	1 September 1946
Lt Col Charles W. Howe	November 1946
Capt A. K. McDonald	January 1947 (temporary)
Lt Col Charles W. Howe	March 1947-Unknown

425 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron [15 October 1969-1 September 1989]

Lt Col Herman O. Thomson	15 October 1969	[Lieutenant General]
Lt Col Roy L. Holbrook	c. July 1970	
Lt Col John H. Gale, Jr.	by July 1971	
Lt Col George C. Forstnee	by July 1974	
Lt Col Conrad L. Bavousett	by July 1975	
Lt Col Tom E. Stewart	17 December 1975 ²⁴	
Lt Col Charles D. Bozzuto	13 January 1978 ²⁵	
Lt Col Kenneth J. Monroe	1 February 1980 ²⁶	
Lt Col Philip W. Nuber	30 December 1980	[Major General]
Lt Col Francis N. Markette	19 June 1982	
Col John M. Vickery	4 October 1982 ²⁷	
Col Edward T. Boswell	16 January 1984 ²⁸	
Lt Col Richard K. Willis	6 December 1985 ²⁹	
Lt Col James E. Anderson	22 June 1987 ³⁰	
Lt Col Steven R. Chealander	11 July 1988-1 September 1989. ³¹	

²⁴ 58 CSG 190013Z DEC 75 MSG

²⁵ 425 TFTS SO G-1, 13 January 1978

²⁶ 425 TFTS SO G-7, 1 February 1980

²⁷ 425 TFTS SO G-8, 4 October 1982

²⁸ 425 TFTS SO G-02, 16 January 1984

²⁹ 832 CSG SO G-10, 5 December 1985

³⁰ 832 CSG SO G-51, 19 June 1987

³¹ 832 CSG SO SO-G-67, 1 September 1988

425 Fighter Squadron [30 December 1992-.]

Lt Col Wayne E. Hughes	30 December 1992 ³²	
Lt Col Michael L. Hauser	20 June 1994 ³³	
Lt Col Jack I. Gregory Jr.	3 July 1996 ³⁴	
Lt Col Jeffrey E. Stambaugh	10 July 1998 ³⁵	
Lt Col Daniel G. Saville	2 March 2000 ³⁶	
Lt Col Paul H. McGillicuddy	1 November 2001 ³⁷	[Major General]
Lt Col John D. Roosa	25 June 2002 ³⁸	
Lt Col Barre R. Seguin	17 May 2004 ³⁹	[Major General]
Lt Col Lynn I. Sheel	22 May 2006 ⁴⁰	
Lt Col Stephen J. Granger	25 April 2008 ⁴¹	
Lt Col Michael J. Dean	7 May 2010 ⁴²	
Lt Col Kevin S. Cruikshank	4 May 2012 ⁴³	
Lt Col John T. Forino	30 May 2014 ⁴⁴	
Lt Col Jason L. Cooper	29 June 2016-Present. ⁴⁵	

Narrative.

The squadron was constituted as 425th Night Fighter Squadron on 23 November 1943. It activated on 1 December 1943 at Orlando Air Base, Florida, and was assigned to the 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group. On 30 January 1944, the unit moved to Hammer Field, California. During 1944, the squadron flew four different aircraft, the Northrop YP-61 Black Widow, Douglas A-20 Havoc, Douglas P-70 Nighthawk, and Northrop P-61 Black Widow. Squadron pilots continued to fly the P-61 until the squadron inactivated. On 25 February 1944, the squadron moved to Visalia Muni Airport, California. On 1 May 1944, the unit departed for England. On 23 May 1944, it was assigned to Ninth Air Force, and three days later arrived at Chormy Down, England. On 10 June 1944, it was assigned to the IX Air Defense Command. Two days later, it moved to Scorton, England. Eight days later, it was assigned to the 471st Fighter Wing. On 6 August 1944, the squadron was reassigned to IX Air Defense Command. Six days later, it moved to Stoneman Park, England, and in six more days moved again to Vannes, France. On 1 September 1944, the squadron moved to Le Moustoiris, France,

³² 58 OG SO SO-GC-1, 29 December 1992

³³ 425 FS SO SO-GAH-001, 17 June 1994

³⁴ 425 FS SO SO-GAH-002, 13 June 1996

³⁵ 425 FS SO GAH-001, 10 July 1998

³⁶ 425 FS SO GAH-001, 2 March 2000

³⁷ 425 FS SO GAH-002, 1 November 2001

³⁸ [No SO], 25 June 2002

³⁹ 425 FS SO 56-OSS-G-2004-06, 17 May 2004

⁴⁰ 425 FS, 56 OG-G20006-09, 1 May 2006

⁴¹ 425 FS, G-009, 4 April 2008

⁴² 56 MSG, G-003, 30 April 2010

⁴³ 56 MSG SO G-008, 23 April 2012

⁴⁴ 56 MSG SO GS-16-14, 30 May 2014

⁴⁵ 56 MSG SO G-16-16, 21 June 2016

and 10 days later to Coulommiers, France. On 7 October 1944, the unit was assigned to the XIX Tactical Air Command. Three days later, it moved to Prosnès, France. On 9 November 1944, the unit moved to Etain, France. On 12 April 1945, the squadron moved to Frankfurt, Germany. On 2 May 1945, it moved to Furth, Germany. During this time, the squadron flew combat in the European Theater of Operations (ETO). It earned a Belgian Army Citation in the Order of the Day and six campaign streamers.

On 5 July 1945, the squadron moved to Crepy-en-Laommiss, France, and two days later was reassigned to Ninth Air Force. On 18 August 1945, the unit was moved to St. Victoret, France. It left St. Victoret on 24 August 1945 and arrived at Lemoore Army Air Field, California, on 9 September 1945, where it was assigned to Fourth Air Force. On 23 October 1945, the squadron moved to Camp Pinedale, California. On 8 March 1946, it moved to March Field, California, and on 21 March 1946 was assigned to the Air Defense Command. On 31 July 1946, the squadron was reassigned to Fourth Air Force. On 1 September 1946, the unit moved to McChord Field, Washington, where it was inactivated on 25 August 1947. During the post war period, the squadron flew Air Defense missions.

On 22 August 1969, the unit was redesignated 425th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. The squadron activated on 15 October 1969 at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. Assigned to the 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, the squadron trained international personnel to fly the Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter. On 29 August 1979, the unit was assigned to the 405th Tactical Training Wing. The squadron inactivated on 1 September 1989.

On 1 December 1992, the squadron was redesignated as 425th Fighter Squadron. On 30 December 1992, the squadron was activated at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. It was assigned to the 58th Operations Group. On 1 April 1994, the unit was assigned to the 56th Operations Group. At Luke Air Force Base, the squadron trains international personnel in the Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon.

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