

## 310th Fighter Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted as 310th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor)  
on 21 January 1942.

Activated on 9 February 1942.

Redesignated 310th Fighter Squadron  
On 15 May 1942.

Redesignated 310th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine,  
on 20 August 1943.

Inactivated on 20 February 1946.

Redesignated 310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron  
on 25 June 1952.

Activated on 10 July 1952.

Redesignated 310th Tactical Missile Squadron  
on 15 July 1958.

Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 March 1962.

Redesignated 310th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 11 December 1969.

Activated on 15 December 1969.

Redesignated as 310th Fighter Squadron on 1 November 1991.<sup>1</sup>



### Honors.

#### *Service Streamers.*

**World War II American Theater.**

#### *Campaign Streamers.*

##### **World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater**

Air Offensive, Japan [1942–1945]

New Guinea [1943-1944]

Bismarck Archipelago [1943-1944]

Western Pacific [1944-1945]

Leyte [1944-1945]

Luzon [1944-1945]

Southern Philippines [1945]

Ryukyus [1945]

China Offensive [1945]

##### **Korean**

Korea, Summer-Fall [1952]

Third Korean Winter [1952-1953]

Korea, Summer 1953 [1953]

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<sup>1</sup> TAC SO G-12, 1 November 1991

## **Decorations.**

### **Distinguished Unit Citations**

Philippine Islands, 26 December 1944;  
Korea, 1 May-27 July 1953.

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

[15]-31 December 1969  
1 January 1971-31 December 1972<sup>2</sup>  
1 January 1975-31 December 1976<sup>3</sup>  
1 January 1978-31 December 1979<sup>4</sup>  
1 August 1982-31 May 1984<sup>5</sup>  
1 June 1986-31 May 1988<sup>6</sup>  
1 June 1989-31 May 1991<sup>7</sup>  
1 June 1990-31 May 1992  
1 June 1991-31 May 1992<sup>8</sup>  
1 June 1992-31 May 1993  
1 June 1992-31 March 1994<sup>9</sup>  
1 June 1994-31 May 1995  
1 June 1995-30 June 1996<sup>10</sup>  
1 July 1996-30 June 1998<sup>11</sup>  
1 July 1998-30 June 2000<sup>12</sup>  
1 July 2001-30 June 2003<sup>13</sup>  
1 June [July] 2003-30 June 2005<sup>14</sup>  
1 July 2005-30 June 2006<sup>15</sup>  
1 July 2006-30 June 2007<sup>16</sup>  
1 July 2007-30 June 2008<sup>17</sup>  
1 July 2008-30 June 2009<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> DAF SO GB-818, 14 November 1973

<sup>3</sup> DAF SO GB-118, 1 March 1978

<sup>4</sup> DAF SO GB-022, 19 January 1981

<sup>5</sup> DAF SO GB-415, 16 July 1985

<sup>6</sup> TAC SO GA-074, 7 December 1988

<sup>7</sup> TAC SO GA-020, 15 January 1992

<sup>8</sup> ACC SO GA-002, 16 June 1992

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO GA-78, 28 Feb 1995

<sup>10</sup> AETC, SO GA-18/1996

<sup>11</sup> AETC SO GA-12/1998

<sup>12</sup> AETC SO GA-9/2000

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO GA-55/2004

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

<sup>18</sup> AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

## **Decorations. (Continued)**

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (Continued)**

1 July 2009-30 June 2010<sup>19</sup>  
1 July 2010-30 June 2011<sup>20</sup>  
1 July 2011-30 June 2012<sup>21</sup>  
1 July 2012-30 June 2013<sup>22</sup>  
1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>23</sup>  
1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>24</sup>  
1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>25</sup>  
1 July 2016-30 June 2017<sup>26</sup>  
1 July 2017-30 June 2018<sup>27</sup>  
1 July 2018-30 June 2019<sup>28</sup>  
1 July 2019-30 June 2020<sup>29</sup>  
1 July 2020-30 June 2021<sup>30</sup>

### ***Special Honors.***

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 10 July 1952-31 March 1953.

### **Squadron – 2 Total Aerial Victory Credits. Squadron Aces: None.**

**Assignments.** 58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 9 February 1942; Fifth Air Force, 27 January-20 February 1946. 58th Fighter-Bomber Group, 10 July 1952 (attached to 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 March-7 November 1957); 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 8 November 1957; 314th Air Division, 1 July 1958; 58th Tactical Missile Group, 15 July 1958-25 March 1962. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 15 December 1969; 58th Operations Group, 1 October 1991<sup>31</sup>; 56th Operations Group, 1 April 1994-.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

<sup>20</sup> AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

<sup>21</sup> AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

<sup>22</sup> AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

<sup>23</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>24</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

<sup>25</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

<sup>26</sup> AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

<sup>27</sup> AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

<sup>28</sup> AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

<sup>29</sup> AETC SO G-013, 16 Dec 2020

<sup>30</sup> AETC SO G-009, 15 Nov 2021

<sup>31</sup> TAC SO GB-3, 1 October 1991

<sup>32</sup> AETC SO G-40, 20 April 1994

**Stations.** Harding Field, Louisiana, 9 February 1942; Dale Mabry Field, Florida, 4 March 1942; Richmond Army Air Base, Virginia, 16 October 1942; Philadelphia Muni Airport, Pennsylvania, 24 October 1942; Bradley Field, Connecticut, 5 March 1943; Hillsgrove, Rhode Island, 28 April 1943; Grenier Field, New Hampshire, 16 September-22 October 1943; Brisbane, Australia, c. 23 November 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 28 December 1943; Saidor, New Guinea, c. 2 April 1944; Noemfoor, 6 September 1944; San Roque, Leyte, 18 November 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 22 December 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 6 April 1945; Porac, Luzon, 18 April 1945; Okinawa, 9 July 1945; Japan, 26 October 1945; Fort William McKinley, Luzon, 28 December 1945-20 February 1946. Taegu Air Base, South Korea, 10 July 1952; Osan-Ni (later, Osan) Air Base, South Korea, 19 March 1955-25 March 1962. Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 15 December 1969-.

#### **Aircraft and Missiles.**

Bell P-39 Airacobra	1942
Curtis P-40 Warhawk	1942-1943
Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	1943-1945
Republic F-84 Thunderjet	1952-1954;
North American F-86 Sabre	1954-1958;
Martin MGM-1 Matador Missile	1958-1962.
Ling-Temco-Vought A-7 Corsair II	1969-1971;
McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II	1971-1982;
Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon	1982-.

**Emblem.** Originally approved on 9 October 1943; newest rendition approved on 20 July 1995; redrawn 30 May 2019.

**Blazon.** On a disc Celeste (Blue Turquoise), surmounted by another disc Celeste (Bluebird), two lightning bolts saltirewise Tenné, Or, surmounted by a human skull Argent, garnished Sable, adorned with a top hat of the sixth, detailed of the fifth, supported by a bow of the third, fimbriated of the fourth, in base a pair of dice Proper; all within a narrow border Yellow.

Attached below the disc, a Celeste scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “310TH FIGHTER SQ” in Yellow letters.

#### **Official Motto.**

**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 skull represents death and the possibility that the unit may be called to defend the peace at any time. The dice symbolize that the Squadron will win, with a natural seven, in its gamble with death. The lightning bolts denote the weapons systems employed by the Squadron.

**Commanders.**

***310th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) [30 January 1942-15 May 1942]***

Maj James D. Mayden 9 February 1942

***310th Fighter Squadron [15 May 1942-20 August 1943]***

Maj James D. Mayden	15 May 1942	
Maj Lewis W. Chick, Jr.	September 1942	[Ace]
1 Lt Harry M. Odren	24 October 1942	
1 Lt Howard A. Tuman	1 November 1942	
Capt Joseph T. Klemovich	10 December 1942	
Capt Robert R. Bonebrake	May 1943	
Maj Jack McClure, Jr.	1 July 1943	

***310th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine [20 August 1943-20 February 1946]***

Maj Jack McClure, Jr.	1 July 1943
Maj Howard A. Tuman	27 April 1944
Capt Don V. Booty	August 1945-February 1946

***310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron [10 July 1952-15 July 1958]***

Lt Col Don V. Booty	10 July 1952	
Lt Col John E. Gaffney	December 1952	
Lt Col Minar M. Dervage	April 1953	
Lt Col James R. Wilson	28 March 1955	
Lt Col Carmel M. Shook	c. June 1956	
Lt Col Jake L. Wilk, Jr.	c. December 1956	
Maj Clayton E. Davis	1957	[Ace]
Lt Col Gerald W. Rooney	August 1957	
2 Lt Richard J. Kimberger	15 June 1958	
None (not manned)	1 July 1958-15 July 1958	

***310th Tactical Missile Squadron [15 July 1958-25 March 1962]***

None (not manned)	15 July 1958-May 1959
Maj James T. Morrison	c. June 1959
Lt Col Enos L. Commons	c. January 1960
Maj Marcus F. Tinsley	December 1961-25 March 1962

## Commanders. (Continued)

### **310th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron [15 December 1969-1 November 1991]**

Unknown	15 December 1969-31 January 1970
Lt Col Robert M. Bond	1 February 1970 [Lieutenant General]
Lt Col Max L. Templin, III	October 1970
Lt Col Phillip D. Snyder	September 1971
Lt Col Jimmy L. Goode	2 April 1973
Lt Col William P. Bristol	22 July 1974 <sup>33</sup>
Lt Col Robert K. Simm	14 August 1974 <sup>34</sup>
Lt Col Richard O. Bennett	October 1975
Lt Col Richard M. Hirth	1 January 1977
Lt Col Clarence E. Fox	17 February 1978 <sup>35</sup>
Lt Col Robert B. Hinckley	14 February 1980
Lt Col Thomas M. Kennedy, Jr.	14 August 1981 <sup>36</sup>
Lt Col Alan A. Lavoy	21 September 1981 <sup>37</sup>
Lt Col Richard P. High	1 July 1982 <sup>38</sup>
Lt Col Michael W. Loden	3 August 1984 <sup>39</sup>
Lt Col John B. Gibbs	20 June 1986 <sup>40</sup>
Lt Col John E. Chambers	17 June 1988 <sup>41</sup>
Lt Col James W. Kimmel	1 December 1989-1 November 1991 <sup>42</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> 310 TFTS SO G-1, 22 July 1974

<sup>34</sup> 58 CSG 141937Z AUG 74 MSG

<sup>35</sup> 58 CSG SO G-5, 17 February 1978

<sup>36</sup> 832 CSG SO G-37, 14 August 1981

<sup>37</sup> 832 CSG SO G-54, 2 October 1981

<sup>38</sup> 832 CSG SO G-41, 23 June 1982

<sup>39</sup> 832 CSG SO G-022, 27 July 1984

<sup>40</sup> 832 CSG SO G-36, 11 June 1986

<sup>41</sup> 832 CSG SO SO-G-47, 16 June 1988

<sup>42</sup> 832 MSS SO G-7, 30 November 1989

## Commanders. (Continued)

### **310th Fighter Squadron [1 November 1991-]**

Lt Col James W. Kimmel	November 1991	
Lt Col Jon A. Wegner	2 December 1991 <sup>43</sup>	
Lt Col Scott C. Harrison	22 October 1993 <sup>44</sup>	
Lt Col James M. Daniels	8 December 1995 <sup>45</sup>	
Lt Col Charles R. Greenwood	8 May 1997 <sup>46</sup>	
Lt Col Mark B. Topper	5 June 1998 <sup>47</sup>	
Lt Col Paul E. Smith	16 June 2000 <sup>48</sup>	
Lt Col Jeffrey R. McDaniels	6 June 2002 <sup>49</sup>	[Brigadier General]
Lt Col Patrick McKenzie	9 April 2004 <sup>50</sup>	
Lt Col Scott L. Gierat	21 April 2006 <sup>51</sup>	
Lt Col James D. McCune	24 April 2008 <sup>52</sup>	
Lt Col Todd A. Murphey	28 May 2010 <sup>53</sup>	
Lt Col Jon S. Wheeler, Jr.	15 June 2012 <sup>54</sup>	
Lt Col Matthew R. Warner	18 Apr 2014 <sup>55</sup>	
Lt Col Matthew C. Gaetke	27 June 2016 <sup>56</sup>	
Lt Col Kristin M. Hubbard	28 June 2018 <sup>57</sup>	
Lt Col Nicholas E. Krajicek	5 June 2020-Present. <sup>58</sup>	

## **Narrative.**

On 21 January 1942, the squadron was constituted as the 310th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor). It activated on 9 February 1942 at Harding Field, Louisiana and was assigned to the 58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group. On 4 March 1942, it moved to Dale Mabry Field, Florida. During 1942, the unit trained in the Bell P-39 Airacobra and Curtis P-40 Warhawk aircraft. Between March 1942 and April 1943, it flew as an operational and replacement training unit. On 15 May 1942, the unit was redesignated as the 310th Fighter Squadron. In 1943, the squadron converted

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<sup>43</sup> 58 MSS SO SO-G-38, 2 December 1991

<sup>44</sup> 310 FS SO SO-G-02, 19 October 1993

<sup>45</sup> 310 FS SO SOGX-001, 12 December 1995

<sup>46</sup> 310 FS SO SOGX-002, 7 May 1997

<sup>47</sup> 310 FS SO SOGX-007, 1 June 1998

<sup>48</sup> 310 FS SO SOGX-002, 16 June 2000

<sup>49</sup> 310 FS SO SOGX-003, 4 June 2002

<sup>50</sup> 310 FS SO 56 OSS - G - 2004 - 4, 9 April 2004

<sup>51</sup> 310 FS, 56OG-G2006-04, 18 April 2006

<sup>52</sup> 310 FS, G-012, 17 April 2008

<sup>53</sup> 56 MSG, G-004, 4 May 2010

<sup>54</sup> 56 MSG SO G-012, 15 June 2012

<sup>55</sup> 56 MSG SO GS-08-14, 18 April 2014

<sup>56</sup> 56 MSG SO G-17-16, 21 June 2016

<sup>57</sup> 56 MSG SO G-10-18, 21 June 2018

<sup>58</sup> 56 MSG SO G-20-003, 20 May 2020

to the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. On 20 August 1943, it was redesignated as the 310th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine. On 16 October 1942, the squadron moved to the Richmond Army Air Base, Virginia. Six days later, it moved again to the Philadelphia Muni Airport, Pennsylvania. On 5 March 1943, it moved to Bradley Field, Connecticut. On 28 April 1943, the unit moved to Hillsgrove, Rhode Island. On 16 September 1943, it moved again to Grenier Field, New Hampshire. On 22 October 1943, the squadron left the United States.

Around 23 November 1943, the squadron arrived in Brisbane, Australia. On 28 December 1943, it moved to Dobodura, New Guinea. Around 2 April 1944, the squadron repositioned to Saidor, New Guinea. Five months later it moved to Noemfoor. On 18 November 1944, the unit moved to San Roque, Leyte. A month later saw it at San Jose, Mindoro. On 6 April 1945, the squadron repositioned to Mangaldan, Luzon, and 12 days later to Porac, Luzon. On 9 July 1945, the unit moved to Okinawa, Japan, and Japan's home islands on 26 October 1945. On 28 December 1945, the squadron moved to Ft William McKinley, Luzon. On 27 January 1946, it was assigned to Fifth Air Force. It inactivated at For William McKinley on 20 February 1946. The 310th earned a Distinguished Unit Citation, a Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, and nine campaign ribbons for its actions in the Pacific Theater.

On 25 June 1952, the squadron was redesignated the 310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron and activated on 10 July 1952 at Taegu AB, South Korea, flying the Republic F-84 Thunderjet. It was assigned to the 58th Fighter-Bomber Group. The squadron flew combat missions in Korea until 27 July 1953. The squadron received a Distinguished Unit Citation, a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and three campaign ribbons for its efforts during the Korean War.

After that, it flew Air Defense missions in Korea. In 1954, it converted to the North American F-86 Sabre. On 19 March 1955, it moved to Osan-Ni (later Osan) AB, South Korea. Between 1 March and 7 November 1957, the squadron was attached to the 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing and on 8 November 1957, assigned to the wing. On 1 July 1958, the squadron was assigned to the 314th Air Division. On 15 July 1958, it was redesignated as the 310th Tactical Missile Squadron, assigned to the 58th Tactical Missile Group, and operated the Martin MGM-1 Matador Missile system. On 25 March 1962, the squadron was discontinued, and inactivated.

On 11 December 1969, the unit was redesignated the 310th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. Four days later it activated at Luke AFB, Arizona, to fly the Ling-Temco-Vought A-7 Corsair II. Assigned to the 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, the squadron conducted combat crew training in the A-7D and starting in 1971, the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II. In 1982, the squadron converted to the Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon. On 1 October 1991, it was reassigned to the 58th Operations Group. On 1 November 1991, it was redesignated the 310th Fighter Squadron. On 1 April 1994, it was assigned to the 56th Operations Group. Since 1982, the squadron has conducted fighter pilot training for USAF student pilots and instructor pilots in F-16 aircraft

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