

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

Redesignated as 425th Fighter Squadron on 1  
December 1992.

Activated on 30 December 1992.<sup>2</sup>



### 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 1976<sup>3</sup>

1 January 1978-31 December 1979<sup>4</sup>

1 August 1982-31 May 1984

30 December 1992-31 March 1994<sup>5</sup>

1 July 1994-30 June 1996<sup>6</sup>

1 July 1996-30 June 1998<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TAC SO GB-45, 23 August 1989

<sup>2</sup> ACC SO GB-27, 14 December 1992

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

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

<sup>5</sup> AETC SO GA-78, 28 Feb 1995

<sup>6</sup> AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

**Decorations. (Continued)**

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

- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000<sup>8</sup>
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003<sup>9</sup>
- [1 July] 2003-30 June 2005<sup>10</sup>
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006<sup>11</sup>
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007<sup>12</sup>
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008<sup>13</sup>
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009<sup>14</sup>
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010<sup>15</sup>
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011<sup>16</sup>
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012<sup>17</sup>
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013<sup>18</sup>
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>19</sup>
- 1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>20</sup>
- 1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>21</sup>
- 1 July 2016-30 June 2017<sup>22</sup>
- 1 July 2017-30 June 2018<sup>23</sup>
- 1 July 2018-30 June 2019<sup>24</sup>

***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.**

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<sup>7</sup> AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

<sup>8</sup> AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

<sup>10</sup> AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

<sup>11</sup> AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

<sup>12</sup> AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

<sup>18</sup> AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

<sup>19</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>20</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

<sup>21</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

<sup>22</sup> AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

<sup>23</sup> AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

<sup>24</sup> AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

**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 1979<sup>25</sup>-1 September 1989. 58th Operations Group, 30 December 1992; 56th Operations Group, 1 April 1994-.<sup>26</sup>

**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	1993-.

**Emblem.** Approved on 7 January 1993; replaced emblems approved on 11 June 1970 and 4 May 1945. Redrawn on 30 May 2019.

**Blazon.** On a disc Gules, a gunsight throughout Sable, surmounted by two lightning bolts chevronwise Argent, points to chief, overall in base a black widow spider Proper; all within a narrow border Black.

Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed “425TH FIGHTER SQ” in Black letters

**Official Motto.** None.

**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

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<sup>25</sup> TAC SO GA-95, 20 August 1979

<sup>26</sup> AETC SO G-40, 20 April 1994

excellence required of Air Force personnel. Red is consistent with the national colors of Singapore and is used to acknowledge their role in the reactivation of the Squadron. The mission of the unit is to support Peace Carvin II (Foreign Military Sales), selling F-16s, and to provide training to the Republic of Singapore. 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 gunsight reflects the tools of the fighter pilot's trade and also symbolizes the web of the spider. The lightning bolts represent 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 <sup>27</sup>	
Lt Col Charles D. Bozzuto	13 January 1978 <sup>28</sup>	
Lt Col Kenneth J. Monroe	1 February 1980 <sup>29</sup>	
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 <sup>30</sup>	
Col Edward T. Boswell	16 January 1984 <sup>31</sup>	
Lt Col Richard K. Willis	6 December 1985 <sup>32</sup>	
Lt Col James E. Anderson	22 June 1987 <sup>33</sup>	
Lt Col Steven R. Chealander	11 July 1988-1 September 1989. <sup>34</sup>	

<sup>27</sup> 58 CSG 190013Z DEC 75 MSG

<sup>28</sup> 425 TFTS SO G-1, 13 January 1978

<sup>29</sup> 425 TFTS SO G-7, 1 February 1980

<sup>30</sup> 425 TFTS SO G-8, 4 October 1982

<sup>31</sup> 425 TFTS SO G-02, 16 January 1984

<sup>32</sup> 832 CSG SO G-10, 5 December 1985

<sup>33</sup> 832 CSG SO G-51, 19 June 1987

## Commanders. (Continued)

### **425 Fighter Squadron [30 December 1992-.]**

Lt Col Wayne E. Hughes	30 December 1992 <sup>35</sup>	
Lt Col Michael L. Hauser	20 June 1994 <sup>36</sup>	
Lt Col Jack I. Gregory Jr.	3 July 1996 <sup>37</sup>	
Lt Col Jeffrey E. Stambaugh	10 July 1998 <sup>38</sup>	
Lt Col Daniel G. Saville	2 March 2000 <sup>39</sup>	
Lt Col Paul H. McGillicuddy	1 November 2001 <sup>40</sup>	[Major General]
Lt Col John D. Roosa	25 June 2002 <sup>41</sup>	
Lt Col Barre R. Seguin	17 May 2004 <sup>42</sup>	[Major General]
Lt Col Lynn I. Sheel	22 May 2006 <sup>43</sup>	
Lt Col Stephen J. Granger	25 April 2008 <sup>44</sup>	
Lt Col Michael J. Dean	7 May 2010 <sup>45</sup>	
Lt Col Kevin S. Cruikshank	4 May 2012 <sup>46</sup>	
Lt Col John T. Forino	30 May 2014 <sup>47</sup>	
Lt Col Jason L. Cooper	29 June 2016. <sup>48</sup>	
Lt Col Mark D. Whisler	16 March 2018 <sup>49</sup>	
Lt Col Shawn P. Walsh	26 May 2020-Present. <sup>50</sup>	

## **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,

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<sup>34</sup> 832 CSG SO SO-G-67, 1 September 1988

<sup>35</sup> 58 OG SO SO-GC-1, 29 December 1992

<sup>36</sup> 425 FS SO SO-GAH-001, 17 June 1994

<sup>37</sup> 425 FS SO SO-GAH-002, 13 June 1996

<sup>38</sup> 425 FS SO GAH-001, 10 July 1998

<sup>39</sup> 425 FS SO GAH-001, 2 March 2000

<sup>40</sup> 425 FS SO GAH-002, 1 November 2001

<sup>41</sup> [No SO], 25 June 2002

<sup>42</sup> 425 FS SO 56-OSS-G-2004-06, 17 May 2004

<sup>43</sup> 425 FS, 56 OG-G20006-09, 1 May 2006

<sup>44</sup> 425 FS, G-009, 4 April 2008

<sup>45</sup> 56 MSG, G-003, 30 April 2010

<sup>46</sup> 56 MSG SO G-008, 23 April 2012

<sup>47</sup> 56 MSG SO GS-16-14, 30 May 2014

<sup>48</sup> 56 MSG SO G-16-16, 21 June 2016

<sup>49</sup> 56 MSG SO G-03-18, 24 January 2018

<sup>50</sup> 56 MSG SO G-20-004, 9 June 2020

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, 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 Prosnes, 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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