

308th Fighter Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 308th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor)
on 21 January 1942.

Activated on 30 January 1942.

Redesignated 308th Fighter Squadron on
25 May 1942.

Redesignated 308th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine,
on 20 August 1943.

Inactivated on 7 November 1945.

Activated on 20 August 1946.

Redesignated 308th Fighter Squadron, Jet,
on 15 June 1948.

Redesignated 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron
on 20 January 1950.

Redesignated 308th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 16 July 1950.

Redesignated 308th Strategic Fighter Squadron on 20 January 1953.

Redesignated 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 April 1957.

Redesignated 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 July 1958.

Redesignated 308th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 9 October 1980.

Redesignated 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron on 1 October 1986.

Redesignated 308th Fighter Squadron on 1 November 1991.¹

Inactivated on 25 June 2015.²



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¹ TAC SO G-12, 1 November 1991

² AETC SO G-15-9, 18 June 2015

Honors

Campaign Streamers.

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater:

Air Offensive, Europe [1942–1944]
Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead [1942]
Tunisia [1942-1943]
Sicily [1942-1943]
Naples-Foggia [1943-1944]
Anzio [1944]
Rome-Arno [1944]
Normandy [1944]
Northern France [1944]
Southern France [1944]
North Apennines [1944-1945]
Rhineland [1944-1945]
Central Europe [1945]
Po Valley [1945]
Air Combat [1941–1945]

Vietnam:

Vietnam Defensive [1965-1966]
Vietnam Air [1966]
Vietnam Air Offensive [1966-1967]
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II [1967-1968]
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III [1968]
Vietnam Air/Ground [1968]
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV [1968-1969]
Tet 1969 Counteroffensive [1969]
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969 [1969]
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970 [1969-1970]
Sanctuary Counteroffensive [1970]
Southwest Monsoon [1970]
Vietnam Cease Fire [1972-1973]

Decorations.

Distinguished Unit Citations

Rumania, 21 April 1944
Poland, 25 July 1944

Presidential Unit Citations

Southeast Asia, 8 June 1966–16 April 1967
Southeast Asia, 1 May–31 December 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

4–16 July 1952
1 March–30 November 1962
17 December 1966–30 April 1968 with Combat “V” Device
18 December 1972–27 January 1973 with Combat “V” Device
23 February 1991–22 February 1993
1 July 1994–30 June 1996³
1 July 1996–30 June 1998⁴
1 July 1998–30 June 2000⁵
1 July 2001–30 June 2003⁶
1 June [July] 2003–30 June 2005⁷
1 July 2005–30 June 2006⁸
1 July 2006–30 June 2007⁹
1 July 2007–30 June 2008¹⁰
1 July 2008–30 June 2009¹¹
1 July 2009–30 June 2010¹²
1 July 2010–30 June 2011¹³
1 July 2011–30 June 2012¹⁴
1 July 2012–30 June 2013¹⁵
1 July 2013–30 June 2014¹⁶
1 July 2014–30 June 2015¹⁷

Special Honors.

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm,
16 December 1966–15 October 1970

³ AETC SO GA-18/1996

⁴ AETC SO GA-12/1998

⁵ AETC SO GA-9/2000

⁶ AETC SO GA-55/2004

⁷ AETC SO GA-0052/2006

⁸ AETC SO GA-045/2007

⁹ AETC SO G-054/2008

¹⁰ AETC SO G-071/2009

¹¹ AETC SO G-025/2010

¹² AETC SO G-086/2011

¹³ AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

¹⁴ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁵ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁶ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

¹⁷ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

Squadron – 184.5 Total Aerial Victory Credits. 12 Squadron Aces:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aerial Victories</u>	
	<u>In Sq</u>	<u>Lifetime Total</u>
Capt Royal N. Baker	3	16.5
Col William A. Daniel ¹⁸	2	5
Capt William J. Dillard ¹⁹	2	6
Major Harry W. Dorris	5.25	5.25
Capt Robert J. Goebel	11	11
Capt Walter J. Goehausen, Jr.	10	10
Maj Frank A. Hill	2	7
1st Lt Richard F. Hurd	6	6
Capt Leland P. Molland	11	11
Capt Jack R. Smith	5	5
1st Lt Frederick O. Trafton, Jr.	5	5
Capt John J. Voll	21	21

Assignments. 31st Pursuit (later, 31st Fighter) Group, 30 January 1942–7 November 1945. 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31 Fighter-Escort) Group, 20 August 1946 (attached to 31st Fighter-Escort Wing, 27 July 1951–15 June 1952); 31st Fighter-Escort (later, 31st Strategic Fighter; 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Tactical Fighter) Wing, 16 June 1952 (attached to Alaskan Air Command, 5 December 1956–7 January 1957; Unknown, 15-21 August 1958, 22 August 1958–19 January 1959, 11 July–c. December 1959, 7 Mar–c. 19 July 1961; 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 13 March–30 April 1963; Unknown, 1 May–3 July 1963; 7231st Combat Support Group, 9 Feb–5 May 1964 and 9 March–8 July 1965); 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 2 December 1965 (attached to 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 November–25 December 1966); 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 December 1966; 4403d Fighter Wing, 5 October 1970; 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 October 1970 (attached to 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 28 April–29 July 1972; 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 11 December 1972–11 June 1973); 31st Operations Group, 1 November 1991 (attached to 347th Operations Group, c. 11 September–19 November 1992); 347th Operations Group, 20 November 1992; 56th Operations Group, 1 April 1994²⁰–25 June 2015.²¹

Stations. Baer Field, Indiana, 30 January 1942; New Orleans AB, Louisiana, 6 Feb-19 May 1942; Atcham, England, c. 10 June 1942; Kenley, England, 1 August 1942; Westhampnett, England, 25 August–23 October 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 November 1942 (operated from Casablanca, French Morocco, 10–31 January 1943); Thelepte, Tunisia, 6 February 1943; Tebessa, Algeria, 17 February 1943; Canrobert, Algeria, 21 February 1943; Kalaa Djerda, Tunisia, 25 February

¹⁸ **NOTE:** Became an ace while in the squadron.

¹⁹ **NOTE:** Became an ace while in the squadron.

²⁰ AETC MO MO-2, 25 March 1994

²¹ AETC SO G-15-9, 18 June 2015

1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 11 March 1943; Djilma, Tunisia, 7 April 1943; Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 April 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 20 May 1943; Gozo, c. 30 June 1943; Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 14 July 1943; Agrigento, Sicily, 19 July 1943; Termini, Sicily, c. 2 August 1943; Milazzo, Sicily, 2 September 1943; Montecorvino, Italy, 20 September 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 14 October 1943; Castel Volturno, Italy, 14 January 1944; San Severo, Italy, 2 April 1944; Mondolfo, Italy, 3 March 1945; Triolo, Italy, 14 July–5 August 1945; Drew Field, Florida, August–7 November 1945. Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 August 1946; Kitzingen, Germany, c.30 September 1946–25 June 1947; Langley Field, Virginia, 25 June 1947; Turner Field (later, Air Force Base), Georgia, 4 September 1947 (deployed at Manston Royal Air Force Station, England, 26 December 1950–25 July 1951; Misawa Air Base, Japan, 20 July–16 October 1952; Chitose Air Base, Japan, 7 November 1953–9 February 1954; Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, 5 December 1956–7 January 1957; Hahn Air Base, Germany, 15 August–21 August 1958; Aviano Air Base, Italy, 22 August 1958–19 January 1959); George Air Force Base, California, 15 March 1959 (deployed at Moron Air Base, Spain, 11 July–c. December 1959; Aviano Air Base, Italy, 7 March–c. 19 July 1961); Homestead, Air Force Base, Florida, 1 October 1962–c. 5 December 1965 (deployed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, 13 March–30 April 1963; Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 1 May–3 July 1963; Cigli Air Base, Turkey, 9 February–5 May 1964 and 9 March–8 July 1965); Bien Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam, c. 7 December 1965; Tuy Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam, 15 November 1966–30 September 1970; England Air Force Base, Louisiana, 5 October 1970; Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, 30 October 1970 (deployed at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 28 April–29 July 1972; Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 11 December 1972–11 June 1973; operated from Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, c. 11–30 September 1992); Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, 1 October 1992; Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 1 April 1994²²–25 June 2015.²³

Aircraft.

Curtis P-40 Warhawk	1942
Bell P-39 Airacobra	1942
Supermarine Spitfire	1942–1943
North American P-51 Lightning	1943–1945
Lockheed P (later, F)-80 Shooting Star	1946–1947
North American P-51 Lightning	1947–1949
Republic F-84 Thunderjet	1948–1957
North American F-100 Super Sabre	1957–1970
McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II	1970–1986
Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon	1986–2015.

²² AETC MO-2, 25 March 1994

²³ AETC SO G-15-9, 18 June 2015

Emblem. Originally approved on 10 January 1962; newest rendition approved on 18 July 1995. Required a digital redraw by The Institute of Heraldry.

Blazon. Chequy Argent and Vert, on an arrowhead point to base throughout Silver Gray fimbriated Sable, a dexter cubit arm vambraced fesswise issuant from sinister Argent grasping a sword point to base of the like, hilt of the second and piercing a cloud issuing from base White; all within a diminished bordure Or.

Attached above the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "308th FIGHTER SQ " in Yellow letters.

Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed " EMERALD KNIGHTS" in Yellow letters.

Official Motto. Emerald Knights

Significance. Yellow is an Air Force color and refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The chequy field suggests the field of battle. The arrowhead denotes the aircraft of the squadron in association with the field of battle. The arm in armor, grasping a sword, symbolizes the unit's ability to defend the peace. The sword piercing the cloud stands for the sky, the unit's theater of operation.

Commanders.

308th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) [30 January 1942 - 25 May 1942]

Maj Fred M. Dean	30 January 1942-25 May 1942	[Lieutenant General]
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308th Fighter Squadron [25 May 1942-20 August 1943]

Maj Fred M. Dean	25 May 1942	[Lieutenant General]
Maj Delwin B. Avery	1 September 1942	
Capt Frank A. Hill	10 February 1943	
Maj Delwin B. Avery	4 March 1943	
Capt Thomas B. Fleming	May 1943	
Maj John H. Paulk	8 July 1943-20 August 1943	

Commanders. (Continued)

***308th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine [20 August 1943-7 November 1945;
20 August 1946-15 June 1948]***

Maj John H. Paulk	20 August 1943	
Maj Walter J. Overend	14 October 1943	
Lt Col James G. Thorsen	18 February 1944	
Maj Harry W. Dorris	24 June 1944	[Ace]
Maj Leland P. Molland	28 July 1944	[Ace]
Maj Frank A. Wagner	4 December 1944	
Lt Col James G. Thorsen	2 February 1945-Unknown	
Unknown	20 August 1946	
Lt Col Shannon Christian	October 1947-15 June 1948	

308th Fighter Squadron, Jet [15 June 1948-20 January 1950]

Lt Col Shannon Christian	15 June 1948	
Maj Ray M. Hilliard	July 1948-20 January 1950	

308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron [20 January 1950-16 July 1950]

Maj Ray M. Hilliard	20 January 1950-16 July 1950	
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308th Fighter-Escort Squadron [16 July 1950-20 January 1953]

Maj Ray M. Hilliard	16 July 1950	
Lt Col Jerrold M. Vivian	15 August 1952-20 January 1953	

308th Strategic Fighter Squadron [20 January 1953-1 April 1957]

Lt Col Jerrold M. Vivian	20 January 1953	
Lt Col Frank W. Klibbe	September 1953	[Ace]
Maj John W. Santry	17 January 1955	
Maj John E. Pitts, Jr.	July 1956-1 April 1957	

308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron [1 April 1957-1 July 1958]

Maj John E. Pitts, Jr.	1 April 1957	[Brigadier General]
Maj Donald N. Standfield	24 September 1957-1 July 1958	

Commanders. (Continued)

308th Tactical Fighter Squadron [1 July 1958-9 October 1980]

Maj Donald N. Standfield	1 July 1958	
Maj Robinson Risner	15 March 1959	[Ace][Brigadier General]
Maj John B. Butler	15 July 1960	
Lt Col Virgil K. Meroney	31 August 1960	[Ace]
Maj William Peters	17 December 1961	
Maj Louie E. Lovitt	28 April 1962	
Lt Col Alfred N. King	14 August 1962	
Lt Col Durward B. Russell, Jr.	22 September 1964	
Lt Col Alan E. Wockenfuss	c. June 1966	
Lt Col Hubert N. Skidmore	c. 1967	
Lt Col Jack M. Smith	c. 19 March 1968	
Lt Col Thomas G. Ferrara	1968	
Lt Col James Rodeen	30 June 1969	
Lt Col William J. Hosmer	30 August 1969	
Lt Col Henry Buttelman	28 March 1970	[Ace]
Lt Col David L. Robb	6 July 1970-c. 15 October 1970	
Unknown	c. 15 October 1970-30 October 1970	
Lt Col George L. Schulstad	30 October 1970	[Brigadier General]
Lt Col Benjamin F. Ingram, Jr.	19 February 1971	
Lt Col Robert F. Johnston, II	3 October 1971	
Lt Col Thomas E. Colvin	1 September 1972	
Lt Col Steve Braswell	10 November 1972	
Lt Col Abner Prophett	1 March 1973	
Lt Col Henry D. Canterbury	23 July 1973	[Major General]
Lt Col James D. Terry	31 January 1975	
Lt Col Earnest L. Coleman	27 July 1976	
Lt Col Wilbur E. Roberts	6 June 1977	
Lt Col Marcus F. Cooper, Jr.	22 June 1978	
Lt Col Timothy F. McConnell	6 February 1980-9 October 1980	

308th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron [9 October 1980-1 October 1986]

Lt Col Timothy F. McConnell	9 October 1980	
Lt Col Lester D. Alford	10 August 1981	
Lt Col Kenneth A. Frey	13 April 1983	
Lt Col James P. Soden	18 November 1983	
Lt Col Max R. Hix	27 December 1985-1 October 1986	

308th Tactical Fighter Squadron [1 October 1986-1 November 1991]

Lt Col Max R. Hix	1 October 1986	
Lt Col Douglas M. Hosmer	30 October 1986	
Lt Col Robert R. Scott	25 October 1987	
Lt Col Michael B. Larkin	28 April 1989	
Lt Col Phillip B. Straley	16 June 1989-1 November 1991.	

Commanders. (Continued)

308th Fighter Squadron [1 November 1991-.]

Lt Col Phillip B. Straley	1 November 1991	
Lt Col Frederick D. Van Valkenburg, Jr.	10 July 1992	[Brigadier General]
Lt Col Ricardo M. Cazessus	25 June 1993	
Lt Col Kevin W. Smith	1 April 1994 ²⁴	
Lt Col William C. Coutts	17 March 1995 ²⁵	
Lt Col Lawrence L. Wells	11 July 1996 ²⁶	[Major General]
Lt Col Timothy P. Orwell	11 July 1997 ²⁷	
Lt Col James M. Smothermon	1 December 1997 ²⁸	
Lt Col Michael C. Barton	13 December 1999 ²⁹	
Lt Col Samuel C. Johnston	19 January 2001 ³⁰	
Lt Col John M. Sieverling	29 January 2002 ³¹	
Lt Col David E. Ellis	9 July 2003 ³²	
Lt Col Kenneth E. Lacy	24 June 2005 ³³	
Lt Col Jeffrey C. Schroeder	16 May 2007 ³⁴	
Lt Col Jeffrey R. Jenssen	14 May 2009 ³⁵	
Lt Col Christopher Colcord	2 June 2011 ³⁶	
Lt Col Christopher A. Bacon	11 July 2013-25 June 2015 ³⁷	

²⁴ [311 FS SO SO=GF-001, 25 March 1994]

²⁵ 308 FS SO SO-GF-005, 15 March 1995

²⁶ 308 FS SO SO-GF-002, 13 June 1996

²⁷ 308 FS SO G-003, 9 July 1997

²⁸ 308 FS SO GL-002, c. 2 December 1997

²⁹ 308 FS SO GF-002, 9 December 1999

³⁰ 308 FS SO GL-001, 9 January 2001

³¹ 56 FW SO GL-1, 28 January 2002

³² 56 FW SO 308FS-GL-03-4, 9 July 2003

³³ 56 FW SO 56OG-G-2005-12, 24 June 2005

³⁴ 308 FS SO G-2007-005, c. 21 May 2007

³⁵ 308 FS SO G-035, 12 June 2009

³⁶ 308 FS SO G-012, 2 June 2011

³⁷ 56 MSG SO GS-24, 11 July 2013; AETC SO G-15-9, 18 June 2015

Narrative.

On 21 January 1942, the unit was constituted as the 308th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor). It activated at Baer Field, Indiana, on 30 January 1942, was assigned to the 31st Pursuit (later, 31st Fighter) Group. On 6 February 1942, the unit moved to New Orleans AB, Louisiana. During this period, the squadron trained in flew the Curtis P-40 Warhawk and Bell P-39 Airacobra. On 19 May 1942, the unit left for Europe without aircraft. Six days later, the unit was redesignated as the 308th Fighter Squadron. Around 10 June 1942, the squadron arrived at Atcham, England. Equipped with the Supermarine Spitfire, the squadron trained in the aircraft for two months. On 1 August 1942, the unit moved to Kenley, England, where it began flying combat missions on the 17th. Three days later, it was redesignated as the 308th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine. Five days after the name change, the squadron moved to Westhampnett, England, where it continued to fly combat mission in the Theater of Operations (ETO).

On 23 October 1942, the squadron departed for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO). It landed at Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 November 1942, the first day of the Allied invasion of North Africa. Between 10 and 31 January 1943, the squadron operated from Casablanca, French Morocco. On 6 February 1943, the squadron moved to Thelepte, Tunisia. On 17 February 1943, the unit moved to Tebessa, Algeria. Four days later, it moved to Canrobert, Algeria and four days after that to Kalaa Djerda, Tunisia. On 11 March 1943, it moved to Thelepte, Tunisia. On 7 April 1943, the squadron moved to Djilma, Tunisi, and five days later to Le Sers, Tunisia. The North Africa Campaign ended on 13 May 1943. Seven days later, the squadron moved to Korba, Tunisia. In preparation for the invasion of Sicily, around 30 June 1943m the squadron moved to an island off of Malta by the name of Gozo. The invasion began on 9 July 1943. Five days after that, the squadron moved to Ponte Olivo, Sicily, and then Agrigento, Sicily, five days after that. Around 2 August 1943, the unit moved to Termini, Sicily. The invasion ended on 17 August 1943. On 2 September 1943, the day before the Allies invaded Italy, the squadron moved to Milazzo, Sicily. Eighteen days later, the squadron moved to Montecorvino, Italy. On 14 October 1943, it moved again to Pomigliano, Italy. About this time, the squadron converted to the North American P-51 Lightning, which it flew for the rest of the war. In preparation for the Allied amphibious landings at Anzio, the squadron moved to Castel Volturno, Italy, on 14 January 1944. On 2 April 1944, the unit move to San Severo, Italy, and on 3 March 1945 to Mondolfo, Italy. On 14 July 1945, the squadron moved to Triolo, Italy. On 5 August 1945 it departed for the United States. It arrived at Drew Field, Florida, in August 1945, and inactivated on 7 November 1945. During World War II, the 308th garnered 15 campaign streamer.

The 308th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, was reactivated on 20 August 1946 flying the Lockheed P (later, F)-80 Shooting Star at Giebelstadt, Germany. It was reassigned to the 31st Fighter (later, 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31 Fighter-Escort) Group. Around 30 September 1946, the squadron moved to Kitzingen, Germany. On 25 June 1947, the squadron moved to Langley Field, Virginia, and flew the North American P-51 Lightning. On 4 September 1947, the squadron moved to Turner Field (later, Air Force Base), Georgia. In 1948, the squadron began a yearlong transition to the Republic F-84 Thunderjet. On 15 June 1948, the unit was redesignated as the 308th Fighter Squadron, Jet. On 20 January 1950, the squadron was redesignated as the 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron and then the 308th Fighter-Escort Squadron on 16 July 1950. Between 26 December 1950 and 25 July 1951, the unit deployed to Manston Royal Air Force Station, England. On 27 July 1951, the squadron was attached to 31st Fighter-Escort Wing. On

16 June 1952, the unit was official assigned to the 31st Fighter-Escort (later, 31st Strategic Fighter; 31st Fighter-Bomber; 31st Tactical Fighter) Wing. Four day later, the squadron deployed at Misawa Air Base, Japan, and remained there until 16 October 1952. On 20 January 1953, the unit was redesignated as the 308th Strategic Fighter Squadron. Between 7 November 1953 and 9 February 1954, the squadron deployed at Chitose Air Base, Japan. Between 5 December 1956 and 7 January 1957, the 308th deployed to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, and was attached to Alaskan Air Command. In 1957, the squadron converted to the North American F-100 Super Sabre and was redesignated as the 308th Fighter-Bomber Squadron on 1 April 1957. On 1 July 1958, the squadron was redesignated as the 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron. Between 15 August and 21 August 1958, the unit deployed at Hahn Air Base, Germany, but was attached to an unknown organization. The next day, it deployed at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and remained there until 19 January 1959. While there, it was attached to an unknown organization. On 15 March 1959, the squadron moved to George Air Force Base, California. Between 11 July and December 1959, the unit was deployed at Moron Air Base, Spain, and attached to an unknown organization. Between 7 March and around 19 July 1961, the squadron deployed at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and attached to an unknown organization. On 1 October 1962, the squadron moved to Homestead, Air Force Base, Florida.

Between 13 March and 30 April 1963, the unit deployed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and was attached to 18th Tactical Fighter Wing. The next day the squadron deployed at Itazuke Air Base, Japan, was attached to an unknown organization and stayed until 3 July 1963. Between 9 February and 5 May 1964, the unit deployed to Cigli Air Base, Turkey, and was attached to 7231st Combat Support Group. Between 9 March and 8 July 1965, the 308th deployed again to Cigli Air Base, and was attached to 7231st. On 2 December 1965, the squadron was assigned to the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing.

Around 5 December 1965, it left Homestead, and a couple of days later arrived at Bien Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam. On 15 November 1966, it moved to Tuy Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam and was attached to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing until 25 December 1966, when it was assigned to the 31st. On 30 September 1970, the squadron left Tuy Hoa Air Base, and on 5 October 1970 arrived at England Air Force Base, Louisiana, and was assigned to the 4403d Fighter Wing. On 30 October 1970, it moved to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, reassigned to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, and began flying the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II. Between 28 April and 29 July 1972, the squadron deployed at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, and was attached to the 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. Between 11 December 1972 and 11 June 1973, the unit deployed to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, and was attached to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. During this period, the squadron flew combat missions Southeast Asia. In 1974, the squadron became an F-4 replacement training unit. On 1 April 1976, the unit picked up an additional mission of the Air Defense of southern Florida. On 9 October 1980, the squadron was redesignated as the 308th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron.

During 1986, the squadron converted to the Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon and lost its training mission. On 1 October 1986, the unit was redesignated as the 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron. On 1 November 1991, the squadron was redesignated as the 308th Fighter Squadron and reassigned to the 31st Operations Group. Around 11 September 1992, the squadron operated from Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, and was attached to the 347th Operations Group. On 1 October

1992, the move to Moody Air Force Base was made permanent, thus ending its Air defense of southern Florida mission. On 20 November 1992, the unit was assigned to 347th Operations Group. While at Moody Air Force Base, the squadron trained to deploy in support of US national security interests and global military contingencies. On 1 April 1994, the squadron was assigned to the 56th Operations Group at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The squadron conducted qualification training for USAF student pilots and proficiency training for instructor pilots and rated pilots already qualified in F-16 aircraft, 1994-2015. On 25 June 2015, the 308th Fighter Squadron inactivated.

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