

## 311th Fighter Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted 311th Pursuit Squadron  
(Interceptor) on 21 Jan 1942.<sup>1</sup>

Activated on 9 February 1942.<sup>2</sup>

Redesignated: 311th Fighter Squadron on  
15 May 1942.

Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron,  
Single Engine, on 20 August 1943.

Inactivated on 20 February 1946.

Redesignated 311th Fighter-Bomber  
Squadron on 25 June 1952.

Activated on 10 July 1952.

Inactivated on 1 July 1958.

Redesignated 311th Tactical Fighter  
Training Squadron on 12 January  
1970.

Activated on 18 January 1970.<sup>3</sup>

Redesignated 311th Fighter Squadron on 1 November 1991.<sup>4</sup>

Inactivated on 1 April 1994.<sup>5</sup>

Activated on 1 January 1995.<sup>6</sup>

Inactivated on 1 December 1995.<sup>7</sup>

Activated on 1 March 2014.<sup>8</sup>



### Honors.

#### *Service Streamers.*

**World War II American Theater.**

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<sup>1</sup> HQ AFCC GO 12, 27 Jan 1942

<sup>2</sup> 3 AF GO 9, 6 Feb 1942

<sup>3</sup> TAC SO G-2, 15 January 1970

<sup>4</sup> TAC SO G-12, 1 November 1991

<sup>5</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>6</sup> AETC SO G-12, 27 December 1994

<sup>7</sup> AETC SO G-4, 20 November 1995

<sup>8</sup> AETC SO G-14-8, 21 February 2014

***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]

**Decorations.**

**Distinguished Unit Citations**

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

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 January 1971-31 December 1972  
1 January 1975-31 December 1976<sup>9</sup>  
1 January 1978-31 December 1979<sup>10</sup>  
1 August 1982-31 May 1984  
1 June 1986-31 May 1988<sup>11</sup>  
1 June 1990-31 May 1992<sup>12</sup>  
1 June 1991-31 May 1992  
1 June 1992-31 March 1994<sup>13</sup>  
1 January 1995-1 December 1995<sup>14</sup>  
11 March 2014-30 June 2014<sup>15</sup>  
1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>16</sup>  
1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> DAF SO GB-118, 1 March 1978

<sup>10</sup> DAF SO GB-022, 19 January 1981

<sup>11</sup> TAC SO GA-074, 7 December 1988

<sup>12</sup> ACC SO GA-002, 16 June 1992

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO GA-78, 28 February 1995

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

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

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

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

**Squadron** – 6 Total Aerial Victory Credits. **Squadron Aces:** None.

**Assignments.** 58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group, 9 February 1942<sup>18</sup>-27 January 1946; 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 1957-1 July 1958. 58th Tactical Fighter Training (later, 58th Tactical Training) Wing, 18 January 1970<sup>19</sup>; 58th Operations Group, 1 October 1991<sup>20</sup>-1 April 1994.<sup>21</sup> 56th Operations Group, 1 January 1995-1 December 1995. 54th Fighter Group, 1 March 2104-.

**Stations.** Harding Field, Louisiana, 9 February 1942<sup>22</sup>; Dale Mabry Field, Florida, 4 March 1942; Richmond Army AB, Virginia, 16 October 1942; Bolling Field, District of Columbia, 23 October 1942; Bradley Field, Connecticut, 1 March 1943; Hillsgrove, Rhode Island, 1 May 1943; Grenier Field, New Hampshire, 15 September-22 October 1943; Brisbane, Australia, 21 November 1943; Dobodura, New Guinea, 28 December 1943; Saidor, New Guinea, 5 April 1944; Noemfoor, 6 September 1944; San Roque, Leyte, 18 November 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, 21 December 1944; Mangaldan, Luzon, 7 April 1945; Porac, Luzon, 17 April 1945; Okinawa, 8 July 1945; Japan, 26 October 1945; Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 December 1945-20 February 1946. Taegu AB, South Korea, 10 July 1952; Osan-ni (later Osan) AB, South Korea, 7 April 1955-1 July 1958. Luke AFB, Arizona, 18 January 1970<sup>23</sup>-1 April 1994.<sup>24</sup> Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 January 1995-1 December 1995.<sup>25</sup> Holloman AFB, New Mexico, 1 March 2104<sup>26</sup>-.

### **Aircraft.**

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;

McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, 1970-1983;

Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon, 1983-1994, 2014-.

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<sup>18</sup> 3 AF GO 9, 6 February 1942

<sup>19</sup> TAC SO G-2, 15 January 1970

<sup>20</sup> TAC SO GB-3, 1 October 1991;

<sup>21</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>22</sup> 3 AF GO 9, 6 February 1942

<sup>23</sup> TAC SO G-2, 15 January 1970;

<sup>24</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>25</sup> AETC SO G-12, 27 December 1994; AETC SO G-4, 20 November 1995

<sup>26</sup> AETC SO G-14-8, 21 February 2014

**Emblem.** Approved on 9 October 1943. Redrawn 18 July 1995.

**Blazon.** Per fess Celeste and Azure, a serpent coiled head Vert langued Gules armed Argent, its body a machine gun cartridge belt Or; all within a diminished bordure of the third.

**Motto.** None.

**Significance.** Blue and 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 disc divided in values of blue, denotes day and night skies and reflects the unit's ability to operate any time, in any weather. The coiled snake bearing its fangs, represents the unit's mission to strike swiftly in the nation's defense, with both offensive and defensive weapons. The cartridge belt reflects the integral part that all assigned personnel have in the mission.

**Commanders.**

***311th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) [9 February 1942-14 May 1942]***

1st Lt (later, Maj) Oliver J. Cellini	9 February 1942-14 May 1942
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***311th Fighter Squadron [15 May 1942-19 August 1943]***

Maj Oliver J. Cellini	15 May 1942-September 1942
Maj Clarence L. Tinker, Jr.	September 1942
Maj Harold C. Whiteman	Bef March 1943
Capt Harold A. Tuman	March 1942
Maj Landis G. Carter	May 1943-19 August 1943

***311th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine [20 August 1943-20 February 1946]***

Maj Landis O. Carter	19 August 1943
Maj Harry N. Odren	12 February 1944
Maj Joseph T. Klenovich	18 February 1945
Capt (later, Maj) Stephen C. Benner	May 1945
Unknown	7 October 1945-20 February 1946

***311th Fighter-Bomber Squadron [10 July 1952-1 July 1958]***

Unknown	10 July 1952-1 July 1958
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**311th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron [18 January 1970-31 October 1991]**

Lt Col Aubrey D. Brown, Jr.	18 January 1970	
Lt Col George W. Love	24 January 1970	
Lt Col Hugh P. Rusham	30 September 1971	
Lt Col John R. Westphal	30 September 1972	
Lt Col Barry J. Howard	1 April 1974 <sup>27</sup>	
Lt Col Rolf E. Nymo	1 April 1976 <sup>28</sup>	
Lt Col Lawrence E. Day	3 May 1978	[Major General]
Lt Col William M. Douglas	23 January 1980	[Brigadier General]
Lt Col Philip A. Hickok, Jr.	18 August 1981 <sup>29</sup>	
Lt Col Stephen L. Amdor	1 August 1983 <sup>30</sup>	
Lt Col Robert W. Gallon	7 June 1985 <sup>31</sup>	
Lt Col Raymond L. Head, Jr.	5 September 1986 <sup>32</sup>	
Lt Col Mark E. Kunnen	11 September 1987 <sup>33</sup>	
Lt Col Steven R. Chealander	8 September 1989 <sup>34</sup>	
Lt Col Bryant E. Gross	18 January 1991-31 October 1991 <sup>35</sup>	

**311th Fighter Squadron [1 November 1991-1 April 1994;**

**1 January 1995-1 December 1995]**

Lt Col Bryant E. Gross	1 November 1991	
Lt Col Raymond Reher	8 May 1992 <sup>36</sup>	
Lt Col Kevin W. Smith	25 March 1994-1 April 1994 <sup>37</sup>	
Unknown	1 January 1995	
Lt Col Bobby J. Wilkes	3 January 1995 <sup>38</sup>	[Major General]
Lt Col William A. Hewitt	14 October 1995 <sup>39</sup>	
Unknown	9 November 1995-1 December 1995	
Lt Col Scott A. Fredrick	1 March 2014 <sup>40</sup>	
Lt Col Michael P. Driscoll	30 June 2016 <sup>41</sup>	

<sup>27</sup> 311 TFTS SO G-3, 1 April 1974

<sup>28</sup> 58 CSG SO G-11, 2 April 1976

<sup>29</sup> 58 CSG SO G-41, 18 August 1981

<sup>30</sup> 832 CSG SO G-31, 3 August 1983

<sup>31</sup> 832 CSG SO G-22, 5 June 1985

<sup>32</sup> 832 CSG SO G-59, 25 August 1986

<sup>33</sup> 832 CSG SO SO-G-76, 1 September 1987

<sup>34</sup> 832 MSS SO G-32, 5 September 1989

<sup>35</sup> 832 MSS SO SO-G-9, 17 January 1991

<sup>36</sup> 58 MSS SO SO-G-58, 6 May 1992

<sup>37</sup> 311 FS SO SO-GF-001, 25 March 1994; AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>38</sup> 311 FS OS G-1, c. 10 Jan 1995

<sup>39</sup> 56 FW SO SO GC-001, 20 October 1995

<sup>40</sup> 49 WG SO GS-14-006, 11 March 2014

<sup>41</sup> 54 FG SO G-16-030, 20 June 2016

**Narrative.**

The 311th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) was constituted on 21 Jan 1942. It activated on 9 February 1942 at Harding Field, Louisiana, as part of the 58th Pursuit (later, 58th Fighter) Group flying Bell P-39 Airacobras and Curtis P-40 Warhawks. Its mission was as an operational and replacement training unit and its association with the 58th continued until 1 April 1944. On 4 March 1942, the unit moved to Dale Mabry Field, Florida. On 15 May 1942, the unit was redesignated the 311th Fighter Squadron. Over the next year the squadron moved to Richmond Army AB, Virginia; Bolling Field, District of Columbia; and Bradley Field, Connecticut. On 1 May 1943 the squadron moved to Hills Grove, Rhode Island, and began training in the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. The unit flew that aircraft throughout the rest of the war. On 20 August 1943, the squadron was redesignated as the 311th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine. Three weeks later it moved to Grenier Field, New Hampshire, in preparation for deployment overseas. On 21 November 1943, the unit arrived in Brisbane, Australia. Five weeks later it moved to Dobodura, New Guinea. On 5 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 7 April 1945, the squadron repositioned to Mangaldan, Luzon, and ten days later to Porac, Luzon. On 8 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, where it inactivated on 20 February 1946. The 311th 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 311th 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. In 1954, it converted to the North American F-86 Sabre. On 7 April 1955, it moved to Osan-ni (later Osan) AB, South Korea. The unit inactivated on 1 July 1958. 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.

On 12 January 1970, the unit was redesignated the 311th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. Six days later it activated at Luke AFB, Arizona, teaching US and foreign students how to fly the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II. In 1983, the squadron converted to the Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon. On 1 November 1991, it was redesignated the 311th Fighter Squadron and inactivated on 1 April 1994. The squadron was reactivated on 1 January 1995, at Luke AFB, teaching F-16 students, but inactivated on 1 December 1995. While at Luke, it received eight Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

On 1 March 2014, the 311th Fighter Squadron reactivated at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, as part of the 54th Fighter Group, 56th Fighter Wing, to train pilots to fly the Block 42 F-16C/D.

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