



United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

31 Operations Group (USAFE)

Lineage. Established as 31 Pursuit Group (Interceptor) and activated on 1 Feb 1940.

Redesignated as 31 Fighter Group on 15 May 1942. Inactivated on 7 Nov 1945. Activated on 20 Aug 1946. Redesignated as: 31 Fighter-Bomber Group on 20 Jan 1950; 31 Fighter-Escort Group on 16 Jul 1950. Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952. Redesignated as: 31 Tactical Training Group on 31 Jul 1985; 31 Operations Group on 28 Oct 1991. Activated on 1 Nov 1991.

Inactivated on 1 Apr 1994. Activated on 1 Apr 1994.

Assignments. 2 Wing, 1 Feb 1940; 6 Pursuit Wing, 18 Dec 1940; I Interceptor Command, 1 Oct 1941; III Interceptor (later, III Fighter) Command, 18 Apr 1942; VIII Fighter Command, 9 Jun 1942; Twelfth Air Force, 14 Sep 1942; XII Fighter Command, 27 Sep 1942; XII Air Support Command, Nov 1942; 64 Fighter Wing, 24 Jul 1943; 306 Bombardment Wing (later, 306 Fighter Wing), 1 Apr 1944; 305 Bombardment Wing, c. 13 Jun 1945; Third Air Force, Aug-7 Nov 1945. XII Tactical Air Command, 20 Aug 1946; Ninth Air Force, 25 Jun 1947; 31 Fighter (later, 31 Fighter-Bomber; 31 Fighter-Escort) Wing, 20 Nov 1947-16 Jun 1952. 31 Fighter Wing, 1 Nov 1991-1 Apr 1994. 31 Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1994-.

Operational Components. Squadrons. **39** Pursuit: 1 Feb 1940-15 Jan 1942. **40** Pursuit: 1 Feb 1940-15 Jan 1942. **41** Pursuit: 1 Feb 1940-15 Jan 1942. **56** Rescue: 1 Jun 2018-; **57** Rescue: 1 Jul 2018-; **307** Pursuit (later, 307 Fighter; Fighter-Bomber; Fighter-Escort; Fighter): 30 Jan 1942-7 Nov 1945; 20 Aug 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 27 Jul 1951-16 Jun 1952); 1 Nov 1991-

20 Nov 1992 (detached c. 11 Sep-20 Nov 1992). **308** Pursuit (later, 308 Fighter; Fighter-Bomber; Fighter-Escort; Fighter): 30 Jan 1942-7 Nov 1945; 20 Aug 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 27 Jul 1951-16 Jun 1952); 1 Nov 1991-20 Nov 1992 (detached c. 11 Sep-20 Nov 1992). **309** Pursuit (later, 309 Fighter; Fighter-Bomber; Fighter-Escort; Fighter): 30 Jan 1942-7 Nov 1945; 20 Aug 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 27 Jul 1951-16 Jun 1952); 1 Nov 1991-20 Nov 1992 (detached 28 Aug-20 Nov 1992). **510** Fighter: 1 Apr 1994-. **555** Fighter: 1 Apr 1994-.

Stations. Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Feb 1940; Baer Field, IN, 6 Dec 1941; New Orleans AB, LA, 6 Feb-19 May 1942; Atcham, England, 14 Jul 942; Westhampnett, England, 1 Aug-21 Oct 1942; Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942; La Senia, Algeria, c. 13 Nov 1942; Thelepte, Tunisia, c. 7 Feb 1943; Tebessa, Algeria, 17 Feb 1943; Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 21 Feb 1943; Kalaa Djerda, Tunisia, c. 25 Feb 1943; Thelepte, Tunisia, 11 Mar 1943; Djilma, Tunisia, 7 Apr 1943; Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943; Korba, Tunisia, 15 May 1943; Guyotville, Tunisia, Jun 1943 (air echelon operated from Gozo Island [near Malta], c. 28 Jun-13 Jul 1943); Ponte Olivo, Sicily, c. 13 Jul 1943; Agrigento, Sicily, 21 Jul 1943; Termini, Sicily, 2 Aug 1943; Milazzo, Sicily, 2 Sep 1943; Montecorvino, Italy, 21 Sep 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 14 Oct 1943; Castel Volturno, Italy, 19 Jan 1944; San Severo, Italy, 2 Apr 1944; Mondolfo, Italy, 3 Mar 1945; Triolo, Italy, 15 Jul-Aug 1945; Drew Field, FL, c. 25 Aug-7 Nov 1945. Giebelstadt, Germany, 20 Aug 1946; Kitzingen, Germany, 30 Sep 1946-25 Jun 1947; Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947; Turner Field (later, AFB), GA, 4 Sep 1947-16 Jun 1952. Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1991-1 Apr 1994. Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Apr 1994-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Air Offensive, Europe; Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North

Apennines; Po Valley; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME. *Kosovo*: Air Campaign.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Rumania, 21 Apr 1944; Poland, 25 Jun 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Apr 1994-1 Apr 1996; 2 Apr 1996-1 Apr 1998; 2 Apr 1998-1 Apr 2000; 24 Mar-10 Jun 1999; 1 Oct 2000-1 Oct 2002; 2 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004; 1 Jun 2009-31 May 2011; 1 Jan 2012-31 Dec 2013; 1 Jan-31 Dec 2014; 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018; 1 Jan 2020-31 Dec 2021. Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 2022-31 Dec 2023.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 10 Sep 2025.

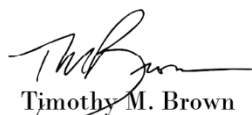
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