



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

85 Fighter Group (AETC)

Lineage. Established as 85 Bombardment Group (Light) on 13 Jan 1942. Activated on 10 Feb 1942. Redesignated as: 85 Bombardment Group (Dive) on 27 Jul 1942; 85 Fighter-Bomber Group on 15 Aug 1943. Disestablished on 1 May 1944. Reestablished, and redesignated 85 Tactical Fighter Training Wing, on 31 Jul 1985. Consolidated (29 Sep 1994) with Air Forces Iceland, which was established as Iceland Air Defense Force, and organized, on 1 Apr 1952. Redesignated as Air Forces Iceland on 1 Jan 1960. Inactivated on 31 May 1993. Redesignated as 85 Wing on 29 Sep 1994. Activated on 1 Oct 1994. Redesignated as 85 Group on 1 Jul 1995. Inactivated on 28 Jun 2006. Redesignated as 85 Fighter Group on 18 Mar 2024. Activated on 2 Jul 2024.

Assignments. 3 Air Support Command, 10 Feb 1942; III Bomber Command, 16 Mar 1942; XII Bomber Command, 2 May 1942; III Bomber Command, 8 May 1942; III Ground Air Support (later, III Air Support) Command, 10 Aug 1942; IV Air Support Command, 2 Nov 1942; Desert Training Center, 21 Jan 1943; III Air Support Command, 8 Apr 1943; 23 Bombardment Training Wing, 10 Apr 1943; III Fighter Command, 6 Aug 1943-1 May 1944. Military Air Transport Service, 1 Apr 1952; 64 Air Division, 1 Jul 1962; 26 Air Division, 1 Jul 1963; Goose Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963; 37 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 21 Air Division, 31 Dec 1969; Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1975; Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1979; First Air Force,

6 Dec 1985-31 May 1993. Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994; Third Air Force, 1 Oct 2002; 48 Fighter Wing, 8 Oct 2004-28 Jun 2006. 33 Fighter Wing, 2 Jul 2024-.

Operational Components. Groups. **85** Operations: 1 Oct 1994-1 Jul 1995. **1400** Operations: 18 Dec 1955-1 Jul 1960. Squadrons. **56** Rescue: 1 Jul 1995-28 Jun 2006. **57** Fighter-Interceptor: 13 Nov 1954-18 Dec 1955; 1 Jul 1960-31 May 1993. **57** Fighter Interceptor (later, 57 Fighter) 13 Nov 1954-18 Dec 1985; 1 Jul 1960-31 May 1993; 2 Jul 2024-. **85** Operations: 15 Apr 1996-27 Jun 2006. **305** Bombardment (later, **499** Fighter-Bomber): 10 Feb 1942-1 May 1944. **306** Bombardment (later, **500** Fighter-Bomber): 10 Feb 1942-1 May 1944. **307** Bombardment (later, **501** Fighter-Bomber): 10 Feb 1942-1 May 1944. **308** Bombardment (later, **502** Fighter-Bomber): 10 Feb 1942-1 May 1944.

Stations. Savannah AB, GA, 10 Feb 1942; Bowman Fld, KY, c. 16 Feb 1942; Hunter Fld, GA, 9 Jun 1942; Waycross, GA, 15 Aug 1942; Gillespie Fld, TN, 3 Oct 1942; Blythe AAB, CA, 2 Nov 1942; Rice, CA, c. 11 Dec 1942; Camp Young, CA, 21 Jan 1943; Harding Fld, LA, 8 Apr 1943; Waycross AAFld, GA, c. 27 Aug 1943-1 May 1944. Keflavik Aprt (later, NAS), Iceland, 1 Apr 1952-31 May 1993. Keflavik NAS, Iceland, 1 Oct 1994-28 Jun 2006. Ebbing ANG Base, AR, 2 Jul 2024-.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1967-31 Dec 1968; 1 Jan-31 Dec 1969; 1 Jan-31 Aug 1970; 1 Jul 1973-30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1976; 1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978; 1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982; 1 Oct 1994-31 May 1996; 1 Jun 1996-31 May 1997; 1 Jun 1997-31 May 1998; 1 Jun 1998-31 May 1999; 1 Jun 2000-31 May 2001; 1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002; 1 Jun 2002-

30 Sep 2003; 1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2004; 1 Oct 2004-31 Oct 2005; 1 Nov 2005-[28 Jun] 2006. Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards: 1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987; 1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1988; 1 Jul 1990-1 May 1992.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 19 Mar 2025.

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