



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

31 Fighter Wing (USAFE)

Lineage. Designated as 31 Fighter Wing on 6 Nov 1947. Organized on 20 Nov 1947.

Discontinued on [22] Aug 1948.¹ Consolidated (1 Oct 1984) with the 31 Fighter Wing, which was constituted on 15 Jun 1948. Activated on 22 Aug 1948. Redesignated as: 31 Fighter-Bomber Wing on 20 Jan 1950; 31 Fighter-Escort Wing on 16 Jul 1950; 31 Strategic Fighter Wing on 20 Jan 1953; 31 Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Apr 1957; 31 Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958; 31 Tactical Training Wing on 30 Mar 1981; 31 Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1985; 31 Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1991.

Assignments. Ninth Air Force, 20 Nov 1947-[22] Aug 1948.² Ninth Air Force, 22 Aug 1948; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1950; 40 Air Division, 14 Mar 1951 (attached to 39 Air Division [Defense], 10 Jul-11 Oct 1952 and 10 Nov 1953-12 Feb 1954); Ninth Air Force, 1 Apr 1957; 831 Air Division, 15 Mar 1959; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jun 1962 (attached to Air Force Atlantic Command, 24 Oct-9 Nov 1962; 1 Air Division Provisional, 10 Nov-c. 30 Nov 1962); 836 Air Division, 1 Oct 1964; 834 Air Division, 1 Jan 1965; 836 Air Division, 1 Aug 1966 (attached to Seventh Air Force, 16-24 Dec 1966); Seventh Air Force, 25

¹ 31 Fighter Wing was designated and organized under the Table of Distribution (T/D) and discontinued on 25 Aug 1948. T/D organizations are temporary. Why HAF took this action to consolidate a permanent organization with their temporary counterpart is unknown. Additionally, their periods of activation overlapped making continuous lineage confusing. To communicate the overlapped periods, brackets were used to mitigate the presentation of overlapped activation periods.

² 31 Fighter Wing (T/D) was assigned.

Dec 1966; 836 Air Division, 15 Oct 1970; Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971; Sixteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1994; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Nov 2005; Air Command Europe, 18 Nov 2005; Third Air Force (Air Forces Europe), 1 Dec 2006-.

Operational Components. Groups. **31** Fighter (later, 31 Fighter-Bomber; 31 Fighter-Escort; 31 Operations): 20 Nov 1947-22 Aug 1948; 22 Aug 1948-16 Jun 1952 (detached 15 Dec 1950-10 Feb 1951); 1 Nov 1991-1 Apr 1994; 1 Apr 1994-. Squadrons. **68** Fighter-Escort: 15-30 Oct 1970. **136** Tactical Fighter: 14 Jun 1968-25 May 1969. **188** Tactical Fighter: 7 Jun 1968-18 May 1969. **306** Fighter-Bomber (later, 306 Tactical Fighter Training; 306 Tactical Fighter): 25 Sep 1957-28 Sep 1970 (detached 8 Apr-16 Jul 1960, 15 Feb-1 Mar 1961, 20 Aug-1 Sep 1961, 24 Apr-19 Jul 1962, 27 Jun-30 Sep 1963, 1 May-8 Aug 1964, 7 Jul 1965-27 Jan 1966); 30 Oct 1970-15 Jul 1971; 1 Jul 1978-1 Sep 1983; 1 Oct 1985-1 Oct 1986. **307** Fighter-Escort (later, 307 Strategic Fighter; 307 Fighter-Bomber; 307 Tactical Fighter; 307 Tactical Fighter Training; 307 Tactical Fighter): attached 27 Jul 1951-15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952-27 Apr 1966 (detached 7 Nov-7 Dec 1956, 25 Feb-17 Aug 1958, 15 Mar-19 Jul 1959, 8 Nov 1960-9 Mar 1961, 18-28 Feb 1962, 17 Dec 1962-16 Mar 1963, 27 Dec 1963-5 Mar 1964, 23 Nov 1964-14 Mar 1965, 24 Jun-7 Dec 1965); 15 Jul 1971-1 Jul 1989; (detached 29 Jul-31 Oct 1972); 30 Sep-1 Nov 1991. **308** Fighter-Escort (later, 308 Strategic Fighter; 308 Fighter-Bomber; 308 Tactical Fighter; 308 Tactical Fighter Training; 308 Tactical Fighter): attached 27 Jul 1951-15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952-2 Dec 1965 (detached 5 Dec 1956-7 Jan 1957, 15 Aug 1958-19 Jan 1959, 11 Jul-c. Dec 1959, 7 Mar-c. 19 Jul 1961, 13 Mar-3 Jul 1963, 9 Feb-5 May 1964, 9 Mar-8 Jul 1965); attached 16-24 Dec 1966, assigned 25 Dec 1966-5 Oct 1970; assigned 30 Oct 1970-1 Nov 1991 (detached 28 Apr-29 Jul 1972, 11 Dec 1972-11 Jun 1973). **309** Fighter (later, 309 Strategic Fighter; 309 Fighter-Bomber; 309 Tactical Fighter; 309 Tactical Fighter Training; 309 Tactical

Fighter): attached 27 Jul 1951-15 Jun 1952, assigned 16 Jun 1952-5 Oct 1970 (detached 5 Jan-9 Feb 1957, 9 Jul-15 Nov 1960, 9 Oct-26 Nov 1961, 17 Jul-22 Dec 1962, 26 Sep-31 Dec 1963, 5 Aug-27 Nov 1964, 18 Jan-24 Apr 1966); assigned 30 Oct 1970-1 Nov 1991. **355** Tactical Fighter: 15 May 1969-30 Sep 1970. **416** Tactical Fighter: 28 May 1969-28 Sep 1970. **431** Air Refueling: attached 1 Apr-24 Nov 1957, assigned 25 Nov 1957-1 Jul 1958. **436** Tactical Fighter: 15-30 Oct 1970. **478** Tactical Fighter: 15-31 Oct 1970. **508** Air Refueling: attached 10 Feb-1 Jun 1954; assigned 11 May 1956-1 Apr 1957. **560** Tactical Fighter: 15-31 Oct 1970. **4431** Tactical Fighter Replacement: 1 Oct 1971-1 May 1973.

Stations. Turner Field, GA, 20 Nov 1947-22 Aug 1948.³ Turner Field (later, AFB), GA, 22 Aug 1948; George AFB, CA, 15 Mar 1959; Homestead AFB, FL, 31 May 1962-6 Dec 1966; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 25 Dec 1966-15 Oct 1970; Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1970-1 Apr 1994; Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Apr 1994-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/ Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon. *Kosovo:* Air Campaign.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam, 1 May-31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device: [25] Dec 1966-30 Apr 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 4-16 Jul 1952; 1 Mar-30 Nov 1962; 1 Jun-16 Dec 1966; 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

³ The Table of Distribution organized 31 Fighter Wing’s stationing time.

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. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 17 Dec 1966-31 Oct 1970; 1 Jan 1968-19 May 1969.

Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 31 Operations Group prior to 20 Nov 1947. **Service Streamers.** None. **Campaign Streamers.** *World War II:* Algeria-French Morocco, with Arrowhead; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Appenines; Po Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME Theater. **Decorations.** Distinguished Unit Citations: Rumania, 21 Apr 1944; Poland, 25 Jul 1944.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 20 Aug 2025.

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Emblem. Approved on 13 Dec 1951; latest rendering, 25 Sep 2007.

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