



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

### **53 Wing (ACC)**

**Lineage.** Established as 53 Pursuit Group (Interceptor) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated as 53 Fighter Group on 15 May 1942. Disbanded on 1 May 1944. Reestablished, and redesignated as 53 Fighter Group (Air Defense), on 20 Jun 1955. Activated on 18 Aug 1955. Discontinued on 1 Apr 1960. Redesignated as 53 Tactical Fighter Group on 31 Jul 1985. Consolidated (25 Sep 1995) with the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center, which was organized on 1 Nov 1963. Redesignated as: USAF Air Warfare Center on 1 Oct 1991; 53 Wing on 1 Oct 1995.

**Assignments.** 22 Pursuit Wing, 15 Jan 1941; 3 Interceptor Command, 2 Oct 1941; Caribbean (later, Sixth) Air Force, 1 Jan 1942; XXVI Interceptor (later, XXVI Fighter) Command, 6 Mar 1942; III Fighter Command, 26 Nov 1942-1 May 1944. 31 Air Division, 18 Aug 1955; 20 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956; Kansas City Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan-1 Apr 1960. Tactical Air Command, 1 Nov 1963; Air Combat Command, 1 Jun 1992; Air Warfare (later, USAF Warfare) Center, 1 Oct 1995-.

**Operational Components.** Wing. 4485 Test: 16 Mar 1964-30 Jun 1965. Groups. **53** Test Management: 1 Oct 2002-1 Oct 2021. **57** Test: 1 Oct 1996-1 Aug 1997. **68** Electronic Combat (later, **53** Electronic Warfare): 15 Apr 1993-25 Jun 2021. **475** (later, **53**) Weapons Evaluation: 23 Jan 1991-. **4441** Tactical Training (Blue Flag) [later, **41** Training]: 1 Mar 1977-15 Apr 1993.

**4442** Tactical Control (later, **505** Air Control; **505** Command and Control Evaluation) Group: 1 Mar 1980-1 Oct 1997. **753** Test and Evaluation Group, 1 Oct 2021-. **4443** (later, **79**; **53**) Test and Evaluation: 1 Jul 1988-. *Squadrons*. **13** Pursuit (later, 13 Fighter; 13 Fighter-Interceptor): 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944; 18 Aug 1955-1 Jul 1957. **14** Pursuit (later, 14 Fighter; 14 Fighter-Interceptor): 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944; 18 Aug 1955-1 Apr 1960. **15** Pursuit (later, 15 Fighter): 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944. **31** Test and Evaluation: 1 Jun 1992-15 Apr 1993. **49** Test: 1 Jun 1992-15 Apr 1993. **438** Fighter: 20 Feb 1943-1 May 1944. **513** Test: 1 Jun 1992-15 Apr 1993. **727** Tactical Control (Test): 1 Oct 1979-1 Mar 1980. **3907** Systems Evaluation: 1 Jun 1992-15 Apr 1993. **4484** Fighter Weapons: 1 Oct 1978-1 Jun 1984. **4484** Test: 15 Oct 1983-1 Aug 1988. **4485** Test: 12 Apr 1971-1 Aug 1988. **4486** Fighter Weapons: 1 Oct 1985-1 Aug 1988. **4487** (later, **87**) Electronic Warfare Aggressor: 1 Oct 1990-15 Apr 1993. *Battlelabs*. Air Force Battle Management (later, Air Force Command and Control Battle Management): 1 Apr 1997-1 Oct 1997. Air Force Unmanned Aerial Vehicle: 1 Apr 1997-1 Mar 1999. *School*. USAF Air Ground Operations: 1 Feb 1978-1 Mar 1980.

**Stations.** MacDill Field, FL, 15 Jan 1941; Tallahassee, FL, 8 May-8 Dec 1941; Howard Field, CZ, 1 Jan-10 Nov 1942; Dale Mabry Field, FL, 26 Nov 1942; Drew Field, FL, 7 Jan 1943; Fort Myers AAFld (later, Page Field), FL, 6 Feb 1943-1 May 1944. Sioux City Muni Aprt, IA, 18 Aug 1955-1 Apr 1960. Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1963-.

**Service Streamers.** Global War on Terrorism-Service (GWOT-S).

**Campaign Streamers.** *World War II*: Antisubmarine, American Theater.

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000; 1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004; 1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006; 1 Jun 2006-31 May 2008; 1 Jun 2018-31 May 2020. Air

and Space Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jun 2022-31 May 2024. Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards: 1 Jan 1981-1 Jan 1983; 28 Feb 1984-28 Feb 1986; 1 Mar 1986-28 Feb 1988; 1 Jan 1989-31 Dec 1990; 1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993; 1 Jan 1994-30 Apr 1995.

**Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 9 June 2025.**

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**Emblem.** Approved on 26 May 1964.

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