



BUCKEYE GUARD

LINEAGE LINKUP

Featuring the 112th Fighter Squadron, Swanton, Ohio

PARENT UNIT

112th Aero Squadron (U.S. Army Air Service)

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

18 August 1917, Kelly Field, Texas

MISSION

To achieve the capability of worldwide deployment and to be prepared, upon implementation, to deploy, destroy enemy forces and facilities through the delivery of all types of tactical weapons compatible with the weapon system possessed in support of the roles of counter air, interdiction, and close air support and to provide combat ready aircrews capable of deploying anywhere in the world within 24 hours of notification.



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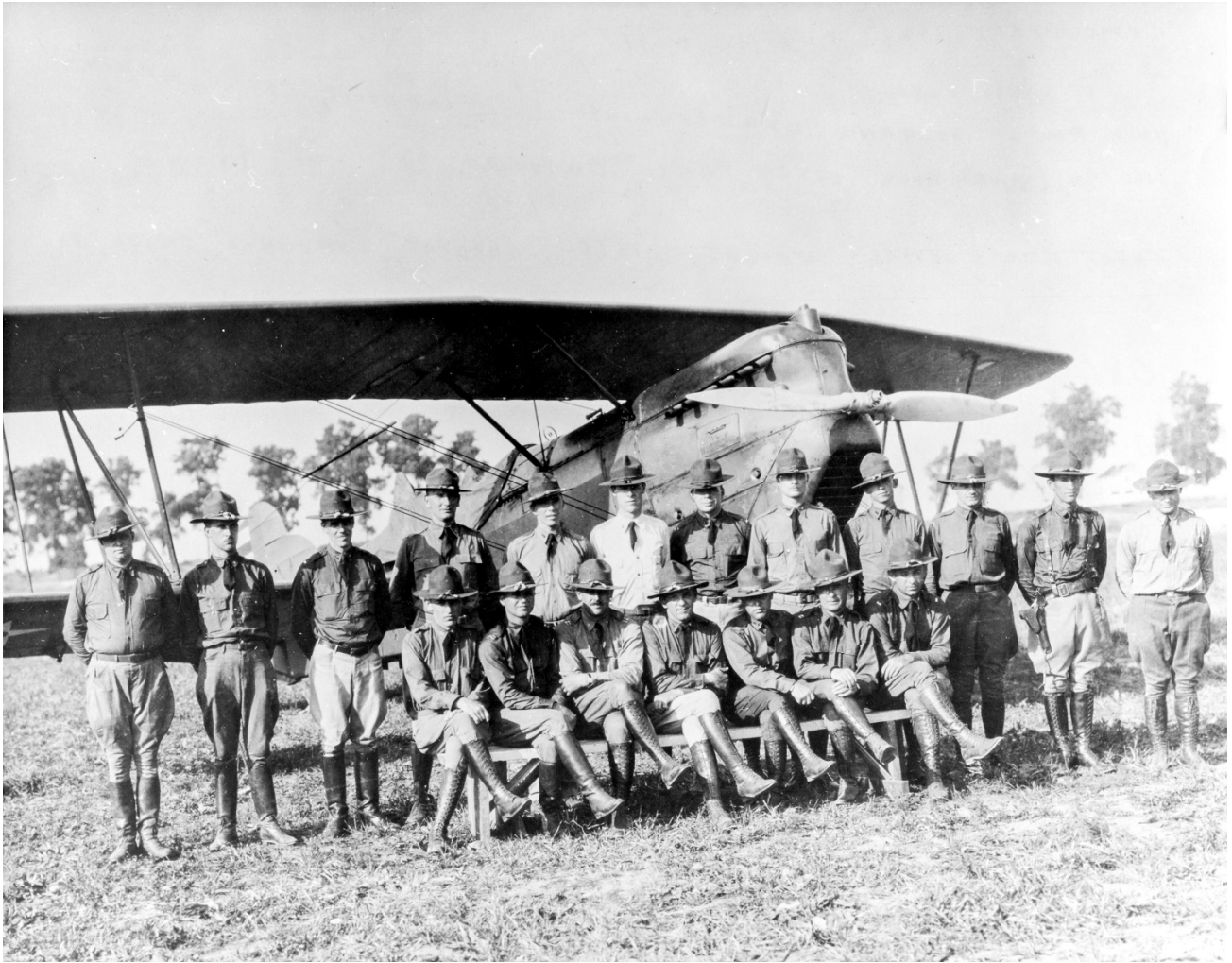
World War II: Antisubmarine

War on Terrorism:

Afghanistan: Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

- **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:**
1 October 2001-30 September 2003; 1 October 2003-30 September 2005
- **Meritorious Unit Award:**
1 June 2009-31 May 20



1929 112th Observation Squadron officers in front of a Curtiss O-11 airplane, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1929.



1931 112th Observation Squadron open house day at the Ohio National Guard hangar at the Cleveland Airport in 1931. The hangar was built by the state on the south edge of the airport in 1928 at the cost of \$100,000 and was demolished in 1942 to make way for the expansion of the runways.



1939 112th Observation Squadron, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1939.



1954 112th Fighter-Bomber Squadron members are crowned "top gun" winners at field training in 1954.



1960 Lt. Col. Milan R. Forkapa, commander of the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron, along with his wife Evelyn watch as Toledo Mayor Michael Damas prepares to christen a F-84F Thunderstreak as the "City of Toledo" at the Swanton Air National Guard Base, circa 1960.



1970 Capt. Gary R. Chudzinski, a pilot assigned to the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron, enters the cockpit of a F-100 Super Sabre jet equipped to the squadron in 1970.



1996 A 112th Fighter Squadron F-16 fighter jet is refueled on Iraq's border by a KC-135 in December 1996. The unit enforced a no-fly zone as part of Operation Provide Comfort II from Dec. 7, 1996, through Jan. 7, 1997.



2007 Senior Airman Jacob Burgy directs F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft pilot Capt. Karl Palmberg where to park after a combat mission out of Balad Air Base, Iraq, June 6, 2007.



2021 First Lt. Joshua Utter, a F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, steps into his aircraft during the Global Information Dominance Experiment 3 (GIDE 3) in conjunction with the Architecture Demonstration and Evaluation 5 event before a flight at Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich., July 13, 2021.

**Lineage & Honors
of the
112th Fighter Squadron (FS)
Ohio ANG**



Lineage: Organized as the 112th Aero Squadron (US Army Air Service), 18 August 1917. Redesignated 633d Aero Squadron, 1 February 1918. Demobilized, 19 August 1919. Activated and redesignated 112th Observation Squadron (Ohio National Guard), 20 June 1927. Federal Recognition as the 112th Observation Squadron, 20 June 1927. In 1936, the lineage and honors of the 112th Aero Squadron was consolidated with the 112th Observation Squadron. Inactivated, October 1942. Activated and redesignated 112th Liaison Squadron, April 1943. Inactivated 7 November 1945. Activated and Redesignated 112th Bomb Squadron (Light), 24 May 1946. Federally recognized, 2 December 1946. Redesignated 112th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 25 September 1950. Redesignated 112th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 10 July 1952. Redesignated 112th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, July 1955. Redesignated 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 20 August 1962. Redesignated 112th Fighter Squadron, 15 March 1992.

Assignments: US Army Air Service, 18 August 1917. National Guard Bureau, June 1927. Ohio National Guard, June 1927. 37th Division, Ohio National Guard, 20 June 1927. Fourth Corps, 25 November 1940. 65th Observation Group, 1 September 1941. Continental Air Command, September 1945. National Guard Bureau, May 1946. Ohio National Guard, May 1946. 106th Bomb Group, 2 August 1946. 11th Air Force, 2 December 1946. 1st Air Force, 1 July 1948. 117th Tactical

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Reconnaissance Group, 27 October 1950. Ohio Air National Guard, July 1952. United States Air Forces Europe, 1 February 1952. 121st Fighter Group (USAFE), 10 July 1952. Air Defense Command, 1 July 1960. Continental Air Command, 1 December 1948. 9th Air Force, 23 February 1949. Tactical Air Command, August 1962. Assigned to 180th Tactical Fighter Group, 15 October 1962. Air Combat Command, June 1992. 180th Fighter Wing, 16 October 1995.

Stations: Kelly Field, TX, 18 August 1917. Hopkins Airport-Cleveland, OH, 20 June 1927. Pope Field-Ft Bragg, North Carolina, 25 November 1940. Drew Field, FL, 1945. Cleveland Municipal Airport, OH, December 1946. Lawson Air Force Base, GA, 10 October 1950. Toul-Rosiere, France, 10 November 1951. Akron-Canton Municipal Airport, OH, October 1952. Toledo Municipal Airport, OH, April 1956. Toledo Express Airport, OH, January 1959.

Aircraft: PT-1, O-17, O-11, BT-1, O-2, O-38 O-47, BC-1 (1927-1940). UC-78, April 1943. A-26B/C, December 1946. F-51H, July 1952. T-28A, April 1956, T-33, April 1956, F-84E, April 1956. F-84F, January 1959. F-100D/F, October 1970. A7D/K, Summer 1979. F-16C/D (Block 25), February 1992.

Operations: Called to active duty service, 25 November 1940. The unit moved eight times, flew Anti-Submarine Warfare Patrols along the Atlantic coast. In May 1944, the 112 OS shipped to England. Between June 1944 and VE Day, the 112th followed Allied troops on the European Continent, flying courier missions behind the front lines. On 10 October 1950, the 112th Bomb Squadron was called to active duty as part of the Air National Guard call-up of the Korean War mobilization. Demobilized and returned to state control, 9 July 1952. Mobilized to federal service for Berlin Crisis and deployed to France and Germany, 1 October 1961. Demobilized and returned to state control, 20 August 1962. Flew 22 combat sorties during Operation Just Cause in Panama, December 1989.

Service Streamer: World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers:

World War II: ANTISUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Afghanistan: Consolidation II Phase 2006 – 2009

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Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations:

DUC: Germany, 24 Mar 1945
AFOUA: 1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003
1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005
MUA: 1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010

Emblem: Approved 25 November 1944; the newest rendition approved on 27 July 1998.

On a disc Azure, a bezant erased charged with a demi-terrestrial globe issuant from base Argent, land masses and gridlines Gray supporting a winged panther couchant regardant au naturel (Gold Brown), winged, armed and eyed of the second langued Gules, all within a diminished bordure Red fimbriated to the inside White. The panther portrays the ferocity with which the Squadron defends the rights of the American people worldwide, as symbolized by the globe.