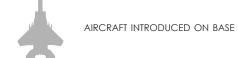


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History of the 142d Fighter Wing

The Oregon Air National Guard, 142d Fighter Wing's rich history Observation Squadron on April 18, 1941. Five months later the squad- War years, eventually becoming a Fighter Wing in 1995. Since it's the North American Air Defense system. As a vital asset to Air began just prior to World War II when the United States, monitor- ron was federally activated under different unit designations flying creation the wing has flown the O-47, BC-1A, F-5, F-51, B-25J, Combat Command and Air Expeditionary Force structures, the ing the war raging in Europe and China, began focusing less on the O-47, BC-1A and later the F-5 reconnaissance version of the F-86, F-94, F-89, F-101, F-4C, T-33 and a host of support air- 142nd Fighter Wing participates around the globe supporting neutrality and more on preparedness. Answering the call to arms, P-38 in the China-Burma theatre and with others serving in Europe. craft. Today the fighting "Redhawks" are proud to continue ser- drug interdiction where needed, USAFE air defense, as well as Major G. Robert Dodson, an Oregonian serving with the 321st. At the war's end, the unit regrouped as the 123rd Fighter Squadron. vice as a component of the Total Force in defense of our nation. contingency operations. Observation Squadron Reserve at Pearson Field, Vancouver, By 1946, the ever-expanding unit was redesignated the 142d Fighter flying the F-15A/B, providing both continuous air defense and air Washington, requested the National Guard Bureau's authorization Interceptor Group. In 1951, the group mobilized in support of the superiority capabilities. With more than 1,000 officers and airto form an Oregon flying unit. His short, official request- "We've got Korean War. After supporting the Korean conflict it remained men, the unit guards the Pacific Northwest skies from northern people, we've got a place, and we're ready!"- launched the 123d very active in air defense matters through the intervening Cold California to the Canadian border, on 24-hour alert as part of