62d Fighter Squadron

Lineage.
Constituted as 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor)
on 20 November 1940.
Activated on 15 January 1941.
Redesignated 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor)
(Twin Engine) on 31 January 1942.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron (Twin
Engine) on 15 May 1942.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron on 1 June
1942.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron, Single
Engine, on 28 February 1944.
Inactivated on 18 October 1945.

Activated on 1 May 1946.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled, on 24 April 1947.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron, Jet, on 14 June 1948.
Redesignated 62d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 January 1950.
Inactivated on 30 April 1971.

Redesignated 62d Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron on 15 August 1974.

Activated on 1 September 1974.
Redesignated 62d Tactical Fighter Squadron on 30 June 1975.
Redesignated 62d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on 1 January 1981.
Redesignated 62d Fighter Squadron on 1 November 1991.[1]
Inactivated on 14 May 1993.[2]

Activated on 18 March 1994.[3]
(Unmanned 2 July 2014-5 June 2015).[4]

Honors.
Service Streamers.
World War II American Theater

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[1] TAC SO G-12, 1 November 1991

[2] ACC SO GB-73, 11 May 1993

[3] AETC SO G-29, 14 March 1994

[4] Hist of the 56 FW, 1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013 (**FOUO**), App B, (Info used is not **FOUO**); 56 MSG SO GS-05-15, 9 April 2015

Honors. (Continued)
Campaign Streamers.
      World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater
            Air Offensive Europe [1942-1944][5]
            Normandy [1944][6]
            Northern France [1944][7]
            Rhineland [1944-1945][8]
            Ardennes-Alsace [1944-1945][9]
            Central Europe [1945][10]
            Air Combat [1941-1945]

Decorations.
      Distinguished Unit Citations
            European Theater of Operations, 20 February-9 March 1944[11];
            Holland, 18 September 1944[12].

      Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
            1 June 1967-31 December 1968

            1 January 1977-1 January 1979[13]
            1 July 1980-31 May 1982[14]
            1 June 1984-31 May 1986[15]
            1 May 1987-30 April 1989[16]
            1 May 1989-30 April 1990[17]
            1 May 1990-30 April 1991[18]
            18 March 1994-31 March 1994[19]
            1 July 1994-30 June 1996[20]

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[5] WD GO 85, 10 October 1945

[6] WD GO 102, 9 November 1945

[7] WD GO 103, 13 November 1945

[8] WD GO 118, 12 December 1945

[9] WD GO 114, 7 December 1945

[10] WD GO 116, 11 December 1945

[11] WD GO 34/1945

[12] WD GO 34/1945

[13] DAF SO GB-719, 30 November 1979

[14] DAF SO GB-117, 22 February 1983

[15] DAF SO GB-275/1987

[16] TAC SO GA-053, 29 August 1989

[17] TAC SO GA-048, 16 August 1990

[18] TAC SO GA-069, 26 September 1991

[19] AETC SO GA-78, 28 February 1995

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (Continued)

1 July 1996-30 June 1998[21]
1 July 1998-30 June 2000[22]
1 July 2001-30 June 2003[23]
[1 July] 2003-30 June 2005[24]
1 July 2005-30 June 2006[25]
1 July 2006-30 June 2007[26]
1 July 2007-30 June 2008[27]
1 July 2008-30 June 2009[28]
1 July 2009-30 June 2010[29]
1 July 2010-30 June 2011[30]
1 July 2011-30 June 2012[31]
1 July 2012-30 June 2013[32]
1 July 2013-30 June 2014[33]
1 July 2015-30 June 2016[34]
1 July 2016-30 June 2017[35]
1 July 2017-30 June 2018[36]
1 July 2018-30 June 2019[37]
1 July 2019-30 June 2020[38]
1 July 2020-30 June 2021[39]

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[20] AETC SO GA-18, 15 November1996

[21] AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

[22] AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

[23] AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

[24] AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

[25] AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

[26] AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

[27] AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

[28] AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

[29] AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

[30] AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

[31] AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

[32] AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

[33] AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

[34] AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

[35] AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

[36] AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

[37] AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

[38] AETC SO G-013, 16 Dec 2020

[39] AETC SO G-009, 15 Nov 2021

Squadron – 220 Total Aerial Victory Credits. 12 Squadron Aces:

Name	Aerial Victories		
	In Sq	Lifetime Total	
Maj George E. Bostwick	5	8	
Capt Fred J. Christensen, Jr .	21.5	21.5	
Capt Walter V. Cook	6	6	
2d Lt Billy G. Edens	7	7	POW 9 September 1944
2d Lt Joe W. Icard	5	5	KIA 8 March 1944
Maj Michael J. Jackson	8	8	
1st Lt Stanley B. Morrill	9	9	Killed A/C accident 29 March 1944
Capt Mark L. Moseley	6.5	6.5	
Capt Eugene W. O'Neill, Jr.	5	5	
Capt Michael J. Quirk	11	11	POW 9 September 1944
Maj Leroy A. Schreiber	10	12	KIA 15 April 1944
Capt Felix D. Williamson	13	13	

Assignments. 56th Pursuit (later, 56th Fighter) Group, 15 January 1941-18 October 1945. 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Group, 1 May 1946 (attached to Alaskan Provisional Wing, c. 28 December 1946-c. 10 April 1947; 30 Air Division, c. 28 July 1950-30 April 1951; 142d Fighter-Interceptor Wing, 1 May 1951[40]-5 February 1952); 4706th Defense Wing, 6 February 1952; 501 Air Defense Group, 16 February 1953; 56th Fighter Group, 18 August 1955 (attached to 473d Fighter Group, 1 August-30 September 1959); 56th Fighter Wing, 1 February 1961[41]; Duluth Air Defense Sector, 16 December 1963; 29 Air Division, 1 April 1966; 34th Air Division, 15 September 1969; 29th Air Division, 14 November 1969; 23d Air Division, 19 November 1969-30 April 1971. Air Defense Weapons Center, 1 September 1974; 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training; 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 June 1975; 56th Operations Group, 1 November 1991-14 May 1993. 58th Operations Group, 18 March 1994[42]; 56th Operations Group, 1 April 1994-. (Unmanned 2 July 2014-5 June 2015).[43]

Stations. Savannah Air Base, Georgia, 15 January 1941; Charlotte Army Air Base, North Carolina, 26 May 1941 (deployed at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, October-November 1941); Wilmington Municipal Airport, North Carolina, 10 December 1941; Bendix Airport, New Jersey, 17 January 1942; Newark Municipal Airport, New Jersey, 31 May 1942; Bradley Field, Connecticut, 23 July-27 December 1942; Kings Cliffe, England, 12 January 1943; Horsham St Faith, England, 5 April 1943; Halesworth, England, 9 July 1943; Boxted, England, 19 April 1944; Debden, England, 15 September-11 October 1945; Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, 16-18 October 1945. Selfridge Field (later, Air Force Base), Michigan, 1 May 1946 (deployed at Ladd Field, Alaska, 28 December 1946-10 April 1947; Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, 1 April-6 June

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[40] EADF GO #58, 25 April 1951

[41] AFOMO 536m, 28 December 1960

[42] AETC SO G-29, 14 March 1994

[43] AETC SO G-29, 14 March 1994; Hist of the 56 FW, 1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013 (**FOUO**), App B, (Info used is not **FOUO**); 56 MSG SO GS-05-15, 9 April 2015.

1949); O'Hare Field-Chicago International Airport (later, O'Hare International Airport), Illinois, 4 August 1950 (deployed at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, 1 August-30 September 1959); K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, 1 October 1959-30 April 1971. Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, 1 September 1974; MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 30 June 1975[44]-14 May 1993. Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 18 March 1994-. (Unmanned 2 July 2014-5 June 2015).[45]

Aircraft.

Seversky P-35	1941
Curtis P-36 Hawk	1941
Bell P-39 Airacobra	1941-1942
Curtis P-40 Warhawk	1941-1942
Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	1942-1945, and 1946
North American P-51 Mustang	1946-1947
Lockheed P (later, F)-80 Shooting Star	1947-1950
North American F-86 Sabre	1950-1959
McDonnell F-101 Voodoo	1959-1971
Convair F-106 Delta Dart	1974-1975
McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II	1974-1980
Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon	1980-1993, and 1994-2014.
Lockheed Martin F-35A Lightning	2015-.

Emblem. Originally approved on 18 June 1943; newest rendition approved on 18 July 1995.

Blazon. Argent, a caricature bulldog *affronte* in a boxing stance Or, jowls Pink, wearing a jersey Azure charged with two mullets of the first, shorts Gules, shoes of the fourth, each charged on the toe with a mullet White, a scan barry Gules and White, an aviator's helmet Brown with goggles Celeste, and boxing gloves Red, each charged with a lighting flash White, all above a cast shadow Light Blue; all within a diminished bordure Blue.
Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "62d FIGHTER SQ" in Blue letters.

Motto. None.

Significance. Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The bulldog represents the tenacity and aggressiveness of a fighter squadron, qualities further emphasized by the stance of the subject. The gloved fists symbolize a clean fighter, while the lightning suggests the squadron's striking power. His expression shows that he is obviously a "tough customer", hard to handle in a fight, not easily discouraged, and unafraid.

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[44] ADC MO 3, 13 June 1975

[45] AETC SO G-29, 14 March 1994; Hist of the 56 FW, 1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013 (**FOUO**), App B, (Info used is not **FOUO**); 56 MSG SO GS-05-15, 9 April 2015.

Commanders.

62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) **[15 January 1941-31 January 1942]**

Unknown	15-20 January 1941
Capt Dixon M. Allison	21 January 1941
1 Lt Norton H. Van Sicklen, III	13 February 1941
2 Lt James L. Orr	10 May 1941
2 Lt Albert O. Waldon	26 May 1941
2 Lt John M. Davis	28 May 1941
1 Lt Raymond W. Worsham, Jr.	2 June 1941
Capt David D. Terry, Jr.	6 June 1941-31 January 1942

62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine) **[31 January 1942-15 May 1942]**

Capt David D. Terry, Jr.	31 January 1942-15 May 1942

62d Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) **[15 May 1942-1 June 1942]**

Capt David D. Terry, Jr.	15 May 1942-1 June 1942

62d Fighter Squadron **[1 June 1942-28 February 1944]**

Capt David D. Terry, Jr.	1 June 1942	
Maj David C. Schilling	c. July 1942	[Ace]
Maj Horace C. Craig	21 August 1943	
Maj Leroy A. Schreiber	9 February 1944-28 February 1944	[Ace]

62d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine **[28 February 1944-18 October 1945]**

Maj Leroy A. Schreiber	28 February 1944	[Ace]
Lt Col Lucian A. Dade Jr.	16 April 1944	
Capt Michael J. Quirk	13 August 1944	[Ace]
Maj Leslie C. Smith	11 September 1944	
		[Ace][Brigadier General]
Maj Felix D. Williamson	26 Jan-c. 18 October 1945	[Ace]

62d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine **[1 May 1946-24 April 1947]**

Unknown	1-4 May 1946	
Maj Paul A. Conger	5 May 1946	[Ace]
Lt Col Gerald W. Johnson	23 July 1946-24 April 1947	
		[Ace][Lieutenant General]

62d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled **[24 April 1947-14 June 1948]**

Lt Col Gerald W. Johnson	24 April 1947	[Ace][Lieutenant General]
Lt Col William D. Dunham	c. 3 May 1947- Unknown	
		[Ace][Brigadier General]
Unknown (possibly Maj John C. McClure)	August 1947-14 June 1948	

Commanders. (Continued)

62d Fighter Squadron, Jet **[14 June 1948-20 January 1950]**

Unknown (possibly Maj John C. McClure)	14 June 1948	
Maj Edward S. Popek	by December 1948	[Ace]
Capt Franklyn E. Moffitt	c. June 1949	
Maj Ralph A. Johnson	July 1949	
Maj Henry H. Kirby, Jr.	15 September 1949	
Maj George L. Abel	c. 10 October 1949	
Maj Henry H. Kirby, Jr.	c. December 1949	
Maj Edwin L. Heller	January 1950-20 January 1950	[Ace]

62d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron **[20 January 1950-30 April 1971]**

Maj Edwin L. Heller	January 1950	[Ace]
Lt Col Charles E. Parsons, Jr.	3 April 1950	
Maj Harold M. Wilson	c. September 1951	
Maj Carl A. Rymer	1 October 1951	
Lt Col Frank Q. O'Conner	by 17 March 1952	
Maj Richard C. Garrett	24 December 1952-Unknown	
Maj Edward J. Mason	8 September 1953	
Maj Charles W. Jackson	28 October 1953	
Lt Col Lloyd H. Stinson	24 October 1955	
Maj Kenneth E. Daniels	c. 8 November 1957	
Maj Roy W. King	21 September 1958	
Lt Col Edward P. McNeff	1 August 1959	[Major General]
Maj Joe H. Joiner	c. 1 April 1961	
Capt Cecil P. Roberts	by 30 April 1961	
Lt Col Samuel D. Berman	June 1961	
Col Amos W. Waage	1 May 1964	
Lt Col Austin O. Davis	30 November 1965	
Lt Col Arby J. Thompson	29 August 1967	
Col Carl D. Peterson	5 May 1969	[Major General]
Lt Col Cecil G. Foster	by June 1970-30 April 1971	

62d Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron **[1 September 1974-30 June 1975]**

Col William J. Breckner, Jr.	1 September 1974	[Major General]
Maj Charles E. Masuga	29 June 1975-30 June 1975	

62d Tactical Fighter Squadron **[30 June 1975-1 January 1981]**

Lt Col Henry M. Yochum, III	30 June 1975	
Lt Col Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr.	7 March 1977	[Lieutenant General]
Lt Col Michael P. Blaisdell	28 June 1978	
Lt Col Robert W. Undorf	4 May 1979-1 January 1981	

Commanders. (Continued)

62d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron **[1 January 1981-1 November 1991]**

Lt Col Robert W. Undorf	1 January 1981
Lt Col James V. Williford	14 August 1981
Lt Col George A. Suro	25 March 1983
Lt Col Royce G. W. Woodell	1 March 1985
Lt Col William R. Stroud	February 1987
Lt Col Billy S. Clack	10 February 1989
Lt Col Robert F. Umbarger	10 February 1991--1 November 1991

62d Fighter Squadron **[1 November 1991-14 May 1993;**
18 March 1994-.]

Lt Col Robert F. Umbarger	10 February 1991
Lt Col Stephen E. Bozarth	10 July 1992-14 May 1993
Lt Col Michael E. Roznovsky	18 March 1994[46]
Lt Col William A. Hewitt	9 November 1995[47]
Lt Col Arthur W. May	4 June 1996[48]
Lt Col Robin M. Kesterson	19 June 1998[49]
Lt Col Michael E. B. France	24 June 2000[50]
Lt Col Marcel P. Schmidt	17 August 2001[51]
Lt Col Mark M. Lankford	7 July 2003[52]
Lt Col Gerald F. Lanagan	21 January 2005[53]
Lt Col Pablo A. Sanchez	23 May 2007[54]
Lt Col Bob G. Battema	17 November 2008[55]
Lt Col Brian A. Jackson	30 July 2010[56]
Lt Col Shamsher S. Mann	10 August 2012[57]
Not Manned	2 July 2014

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[46] 58 MSS SO SO-GAI-02, 14 March 1994

[47] 56 MSS SO SO-GAI-07, 8 January 1996

[48] 56 MSS SO SO-GAI-08, 22 May 1996

[49] 56 MSS SO SO-GAI-02, 1 June 1998

[50] 56 MSS SO SO-GAI-01, 6 January 2000

[51] 56 MSS SO SO-GAI-02, c. 9 August 2011

[52] 62 FS SO 62 FS-GAI-2003-02, 1 July 2003

[53] 62 FS SO 56 OG-G-2005-07, 10 March 2005

[54] 62 FS SO G-2007-004, c. 23 May 2007

[55] 56 MSG SO G-12, 18 November 2008

[56] 56 MSG SO G-029, 6 August 2010

[57] 56 FS SO G-030, 16 July 2012

Commanders. (Continued)

Lt Col Gregory G. Frana   5 June 2015[58]
Lt Col Peter J.S. Lee   9 June 2017[59]
Lt Col Christopher J. Hubbard   21 June 2019[60]
Lt Col Tyler Smith   18 June 2021-Present.[61]

Narrative.
Constituted as 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 20 November 1940, the unit activated on 15 January 1941 at Savannah Air Base, Georgia. Assigned to the 56th Pursuit (later, 56th Fighter) Group, the squadron trained with the Seversky P-35 and the Curtis P-36 Hawk in Georgia and after 26 May at Charlotte Army Air Base, North Carolina. Later that year and into 1942, the squadron flew the Bell P-39 Airacobra and Curtis P-40 Warhawk on Air Defense and operational training unit missions. In October and November 1941, the squadron deployed to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. On 10 December 1941, the unit moved to Wilmington Municipal Airport, North Carolina.

On 17 January 1942, the squadron moved again to Bendix Airport, New Jersey. On the last day of the month, it was redesignated as the 62d Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) (Twin Engine). On 15 May 1942, it was redesignated again as the 62d Fighter Squadron (Twin Engine) and moved on the last day of the month to Newark Municipal Airport, New Jersey. The next day it was redesignated as the 62d Fighter Squadron. That month the squadron converted to the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. On 23 July 1942, the squadron moved to Bradley Field, Connecticut. On 27 December 1942, the unit left the field for the war in Europe. On 12 January 1943, it arrived at Kings Cliffe, England. On 5 April 1943, it moved to Horsham St Faith, England. Eight days later it flew it first combat mission in European Theater of Operations (ETO). On 9 July 1943, the unit moved to Halesworth, England. On 28 February 1944, it was redesignated as the 62d Fighter Squadron, Single Engine. On 19 April 1944, the squadron moved to Boxted, England. On 21 April 1945, it flew its last combat mission. On 15 September 1945, the squadron moved to Debden, England, in preparation to return to the United States. The unit left on 11 October 1945 and arrived five days later at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, where it inactivated on 18 October 1945. During the war, the squadron created 12 aces and was credited with 220 aerial victories.

On 1 May 1946, the squadron reactivated at Selfridge Field (later, Air Force Base), Michigan. Assigned again to the 56th Fighter (later, 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Group it flew its old friend, the Thunderbolt. The squadron converted to the North American P-51 Mustang that year. Between 28 December 1946 and c. 10 April 1947, the squadron deployed to Ladd Field, Alaska, and about that time was attached to Alaskan Provisional Wing. In 1947, the squadron converted to the Lockheed P (later, F)-80 Shooting Star, and on 24 April 1947, was redesignated as the

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[58] 56 MSG SO GS-05-15, 3 September 2015

[59] 56 MSG SO G-11-17, 23 May 2017

[60] 56 MSG SO G-19-034, 20 June 2019

[61] 56 MSG SO G-21-014, 6 May 2021

62d Fighter Squadron, Jet Propelled. On 14 June 1948, it was redesignated as the 62d Fighter Squadron, Jet. Between 1 April and 6 June 1949, the unit deployed to Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan. The squadron was redesignated the 62d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 20 January 1950. During 1950 transitioned to the North American F-86 Sabre. Between c. 28 July 1950 and 30 April 1951, it was attached to the 30th Air Division. On 4 August 1950, the unit moved to O'Hare Field-Chicago International Airport (later, O'Hare International Airport), Illinois. Between 1 May 1951 and 5 February 1952, the squadron was attached 142d Fighter-Interceptor Wing. On 6 February 1952, the 62d was assigned to the 4706th Defense Wing. On 16 February 1953, it was assigned to the 501 Air Defense Group. On 18 August 1955, the squadron was reassigned to the 56th Fighter Group. In 1959, the unit converted to the McDonnell F-101 Voodoo. Between 1 August and 30 September 1959, it deployed to K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, and was attached to 473d Fighter Group. On 1 October 1959, the squadron was assigned permanently to K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan. On 1 February 1961, the unit was assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing. On 16 December 1963, it was assigned to the Duluth Air Defense Sector. On 1 April 1966, it was assigned to the 29th Air Division. On 15 September 1969, the squadron was assigned to the 34th Air Division. On 14 November 1969, it was reassigned to the 29th Air Division and then five days later assigned to the 23d Air Division. The squadron inactivated on 30 April 1971.

On 15 August 1974, the unit was redesignated as the 62d Fighter-Interceptor Training Squadron. On the first of the next month, the squadron was activated at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, flying the Convair F-106 Delta Dart and the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, and assigned to the Air Defense Weapons Center. On 30 June 1975, the squadron moved to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, was redesignated as the 62d Tactical Fighter Squadron, rejoined the 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training; 56th Fighter) Wing, and again flew the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II. In 1980, the squadron converted to the Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon. On 1 January 1981, the squadron was redesignated as the 62d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. On 1 November 1991, the unit was redesignated as the 62d Fighter Squadron and reassigned to the 56th Operations Group. During this period the squadron's mission was that of an F-4, and later F-16, replacement training unit with a combat-ready commitment. The squadron inactivated on 14 May 1993.

On 18 March 1994, the 62d reactivated at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, flying F-16s and was assigned to the 58th Operations Group. On 1 April 1994, the squadron was reassigned to the 56th Operations Group. During this time the 62d conducted qualification training for USAF student pilots and proficiency training for instructor pilots and rated pilots qualified in F-16 aircraft. On 2 July 2014, the squadron unmanned with its personnel and equipment going to the 309th Fighter Squadron. On 5 June 2015, the 62d Fighter Squadron remanned to conduct qualification training for USAF and Partner Nation student pilots and proficiency training for instructor pilots and rated pilots qualified in F-35A aircraft.

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