



TO HONOR

THE 39TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Constituted by the U.S. Army Air Corps as the 39th Pursuit Squadron on 22 December 1939, the unit was activated on 1 February 1940 at Selfridge Field, Michigan, as part of the 31st Pursuit Group comprised of Siversky P-35 aircraft. After receiving Bell Airacobras in early 1941, the unit was dubbed the Cobra Squadron. Combat ready on 7 December 1941, the squadron went to the South West Pacific Area and engaged in combat against the Japanese with P-39/400 and later P-38 aircraft. In its first year, the squadron scored 100 kills with few combat losses. During World War II, the squadron went on to score over 300 kills and counted 15 Aces. A reconnaissance unit in Vietnam, the squadron became a fighter, flight test, reconnaissance, electronic, and training unit between wars. In April 2001, it became the 39th Flight Training Squadron (Reserve) with T-6 and T-38 aircraft at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, teaching "fighter fundamentals."

In War and In Peace, The 39th Has Met Its Nation's Call With Honor and Success

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