

HISTORY OF THE 1ST FIGHTER WING

WORLD WAR I

From its beginnings during World War I, it was known as the **1st Pursuit Organization and Training Center**.

By the time the war ended, the unit had 202 confirmed kills and officially changed its name to the **1st Pursuit Group**.

WORLD WAR II

Redesignated as the **1st Fighter Group** during World War II, the unit entered the war flying the P-38. Throughout the war, the 1 FG flew more than 20,000 sorties on 1,405 combat missions, and scored more than 400 aerial victories, earning three Distinguished Unit Citations for outstanding performance of duty.

OPERATION DESERT STORM

On Aug. 7, 1990, the then known **1st Tactical Fighter Wing**, deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. Through both Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the 1 TFW flew more than 6,200 sorties and flew approximately 25,000 hours. The wing also recorded an aerial victory when Capt. Steve Tate, piloting a 71 FS F-15 Eagle, shot down an Iraqi F-1 Mirage. And in 1991 the 1 TFW officially became the **1st Fighter Wing**.

INTRODUCTION OF THE F-22 RAPTOR

On December 15, 2005 the 1 FW's own 27th Fighter Squadron became the Air Force's first operational F-22 fighter squadron. By December 12, 2007, the 1 FW reached full operational capacity when they received their final F-22, completing their fleet of 40 5th-Generation fighter aircraft.

