

150th Fighter Wing Patch Reproduction

Date

ca. 1999

Medium

cotton, polyester, velcro

Description

A shield shaped patch with a Zia sun symbol in the upper

right hand corner on a yellow background. To the right of the Zia separated by two black arrow like symbols is the White Sands National Monument on a blue background with the Rio Grande spread out in the distance in front. The bottom of the patch has a ribbon with the words "150th Fighter Wing" sewn in. The 150th Fighter Wing was a unit of the New Mexico Air National Guard, stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base. Under different names they have served during the Korean War (1950-1953), stood on alert during the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962), and participated in Operation Desert Storm (1990-1991). This commercial reproduction displays the ongoing parallels that the miltary draws on between Indigenous symbols and nuclear warfare for a sense of pride for nation building image making.

Dimensions

4 x 4 in. (10.2 x 10.2 cm)

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