

## Rickenbacker ANGB Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-121



**Description:** The OH-121 Rickenbacker ANGB Composite Squadron patch is a circular disc with a silver gray background, ultramarine blue border ring and scrolls, the official colors of Civil Air Patrol. Centered on the patch is the iconic "Hat in the Ring" emblem: a red, white, and blue American top hat adorned with stars and stripes, set within a bold red oval ring. The upper scroll reads "ALWAYS VIGILANT", the motto of Civil Air Patrol, and the lower scroll reads "RICKENBACKER ANGB COMP SQ".

**Significance:** The patch traces its lineage to the 94th Aero Squadron of World War I, whose member Lieutenant John Wentworth conceived the original "Hat in the Ring" emblem in early 1918, a top hat inside a red circle symbolizing America boldly entering the fight. Under Captain Eddie V. Rickenbacker, Columbus, Ohio native, Medal of Honor recipient, and America's Ace of Aces, the 94th became the highest-scoring American squadron of the war.

The squadron meets at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Lockbourne, Ohio, named in honor of its local hero, connecting the patch's heritage directly to central Ohio. The design has been carried through three generations, first approved in 2015, endorsed by the 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB in 2021, and carried forward in 2023 when two squadrons merged to form OH-121.

**Designers:** The original "Hat in the Ring" emblem was conceived by Lt. John Wentworth, 94th Aero Squadron, 1918. The current OH-121 patch was designed by MSgt Kenneth Fischer.