

103rd AIR DEFENSE WING

LNEAGE

Activated as 103rd Fighter Wing, 28 Nov 1950
Redesignated 103rd Fighter Interceptor Wing
Redesignated 103rd Air Defense Wing
Inactivated, 30 Nov 1957

STATIONS

East Granby, CT

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

BG George R. Stanley, 28 Sep 1950
Col Thomas L. Carroll, 2 Jun 1955
Col H.B. Wetherell, 2 May 1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Or, a representation of a Connecticut colonial secretary running with the Colony's Charter in his

left hand proper (hat, coat, and breeches—blue; hair, vest, tie, shoes, and stockings—black; face, hands, shirt collar, shoe buckles, and charter—white); all within a diminished bordure tri-parted black, white, and black, the white part separated to chief to form in code the letters FEA. (Approved, 1 May 1953)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

The Flying Yankee patch depicts the Connecticut Colonial Secretary running with the Colony's charter in his left hand to secrete it in an oak tree to prevent seizure by the British.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Flying Yankees

OPERATIONS

The new 103rd Fighter Wing was redesignated as a Fighter-Interceptor Wing and assigned to the Air Defense Command, for active participation in the air defense of the Eastern United States. The wing was moved from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn., to Suffolk County Airport (later called Suffolk County Air Force Base) West Hampton Beach, Long Island, N.Y.

On 30 Nov 1957, the 103rd Air Defense Wing was inactivated, along with 11 other such wings in the Air National Guard.

103rd Fighter-Interceptor Wing: Federalized by the ANG on 2 Mar 1951 and assigned to Eastern Air Defense Force at Brainard Field, Hartford, CT; moved to Suffolk County AFB, NY, by 1 Jun 1951; inactivated 6 Feb 1952.

Air Force Order of Battle

Created: 12 Oct 2010

Updated:

Sources

ANG Unit History: Connecticut. Flying Yankees the First 50 Years, 1923-1973. CT ANG, 1973