

# 141 FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

141 Fighter Group organized, 1 July 1960  
Redesignated 141 Fighter Interceptor Group  
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1976

## STATIONS

Geiger Field, Spokane Airport, WA, 1960  
Fairchild AFB, WA

## ASSIGNMENTS

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

### Mission Aircraft

F-89, 1960  
F-102  
TF-102 1965  
F-101 1969

### Support Aircraft

C-47, 1952  
T-33, 1949  
C-54, 1966  
U-3, 1970  
T-29, 1970  
C-131, 1975

## COMMANDERS

LTC Wilson Gillis, 1960  
Maj Lloyd Howard, 1961

LTC Lyle W. Scott, 1963

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

In 1960 the 116th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was reorganized with the creation of the 141st Fighter Group. New units were formed: 141st Headquarters, 141st Fighter Group, Materiel Squadron, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Air Base Squadron and the USAF Dispensary.

In March 1975, the 141st Fighter Interceptor Group accepted a VC-131D, serial no. 54-2820 from Headquarters Air Defense Command at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Col. Lloyd Howard, Pilot (now ret.), Capt. Steve Bailey, Copilot; and MSgt Mike Fisher, Flight Engineer, delivered our "new" Convair to Spokane International Airport. This "new" Convair 340 had rolled off the production line in San Diego, California on Feb. 17, 1955. It was old enough to drink in Idaho. The VC-131D replaced the T-29D when all Air Guard T-29's were retired to the boneyard, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. The C-131 is a Mission Support Aircraft for the Army and Air National Guard for Washington State. It carries passengers and hauls cargo,

approximately 360 hours per year. It has flown all over the continental United States, western Canada and in July 1983 made its' first trip to Alaska. In 1980 we supported the Governor's office and staff during the crises of the Mt. Saint Helens eruption. The current crew includes 6 pilots: Walt Hodgen, Barney Waldrop, John Kobza, Jay Gallentine, Tom Gresch, and Steve Gural; 2 crew chiefs: Mike Fisher and Jerry Noble, and numerous flight attendants. In the summer of "81" a group of about 15 dedicated aircraft lovers from the 141 RM Sq, lead by Clarence Brenneise tackled the interior of the C131. Following the removal of most everything that could be removed, they recovered the seats and installed new carpeting. They refinished the wall and restained the wood. The pilots' seats were redone and the galley was remodeled. All this in less than 2 months....Absolutely amazing! The exterior was repainted in the spring of '83 at Dothan, Alabama. It was then hand buffed.

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