

508th FIGHTER GROUP

LINEAGE

508th Fighter Group constituted, 5 Oct 1944

Activated, 12 Oct

Inactivated, 25 Nov 1945

STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 12 Oct 1944

Pocatello AAFld, ID, 25 Oct 1944

Bruning AAFld, NE, 15 Nov-18 Dec 1944

Kahuku, TH, 6 Jan 1945

Mokuleia, TH, 25 Feb 1945

Bellows Field, TH, 16 Sep-25 Nov 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47

P-51

COMMANDERS

Col Henry G. Thorne, Jr., 9 Nov 1944

Col Frank H. Mears, 27 Nov 1944

Col Oswald W. Lunde, 4 May-25 Nov 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per bend engrailed azure and gules, in bend a chain or and in chief an atomic cloud argent issuing from a base gray, over-all three figures representing the "Spirit of '76" sable fimbriated of the fourth.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO
KNOWLEDGE AND COURAGE

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained with P-47 aircraft to provide very-long-range escort for bombardment units. Moved to Hawaii in Jan 1945 and served as part of the defense force for the islands. Also trained replacement pilots for other organizations, repaired P-47s and P-51s received from combat units, and ferried aircraft to forward areas.

Air Force Order of Battle

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