

## 516<sup>th</sup> STRATEGIC FIGHTER SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

633<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Dive) constituted, 23 Mar 1943

Activated, 28 Mar 1943

Redesignated 516<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 516<sup>th</sup> Strategic Fighter Squadron, 13 Nov 1953

Activated, 18 Dec 1953

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957

### STATIONS

Drew Field, Fla, 28 Mar 1943 (operated from Amchitka, Jul-Aug 1943)

Lakeland AAFld, Fla, 2 Oct 1943

Galveston AAFld, Tex, 9 Nov 1943

Bruning AAFld, Neb, 3 Mar-1 Apr 1944

Great Falls AFB, Mont, 18 Dec 1953-1 Jul 1957

### ASSIGNMENTS

407<sup>th</sup> Bombardment (later Fighter-Bomber) Group, 28 Mar 1943-1 Apr 1944

407<sup>th</sup> Strategic Fighter Wing, 18 Dec 1953-1 Jul 1957

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-24  
A-24A  
A-36  
P-51-1943  
P-47, 1943-1944  
P-47D  
F-84, 1954-1957  
F-84F

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Aleutian Islands

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

Over a Blackfoot Indian symbol for the "Four Winds," of blue and red, is a stylized atomic cloud, of red, yellow white, and light blue, between four lightning bolts, in saltire, of the second. (Approved, 18 Oct 1954)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Northern Pacific, Jul-Aug 1943. Training for combat and later replacement training, 1943-1944.