

518th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

636th Bombardment Squadron (Dive) constituted, 23 Mar 1943

Activated, 5 Apr 1943

Redesignated 518th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 518th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 4 Nov 1954

Activated, 8 Jan 1955

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Activated, 8 Jun 1956

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1959

STATIONS

Key Field, MS, 5 Apr 1943

Drew Field, FL, 22 Sep 1943

Abilene AAFld, TX, 10 Nov 1943

DeRidder AAB, LA, 12 Feb 1944

Woodward AAFld, OK, 24 Mar-1 Apr 1944

George AFB, CA, 8 Jan-18 Aug 1955

Klamath Falls Mun Aprt, OR, 8 Jun 1956-1 Jul 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

408th Bombardment (later Fighter Bomber) Group, 5 Apr 1943-1 Apr 1944

27th Air Division, 8 Jan-18 Aug 1955

408th Fighter Group, 8 Jun 1956-1 Jul 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-24

A-36

P-40

P-47, 1943-1944

UC-78, 1943-1944

F-86, 1955

F-86D

P-40N

A-36A

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a medium blue disc, a caricatured light golden brown gamecock, with black tail feathers, red comb and wattles, white eyeball and talons, and black outlines, standing on a large black guided missile, highlights white and grey, and holding a black radar antenna, highlights white and grey, braced under his left wing, all in front of a large white cloud formation. (Approved, 18 Jan 1957)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Training for combat, Oct 1943-Apr 1944. Not operational, 1956-1959.

The squadron was activated at Klamath Falls but was never equipped with aircraft

