

538th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

538th Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Sep 1943

Activated, 1 Oct 1943

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 538th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Discontinued, 1 Jul 1960

STATIONS

Westover Field, MA, 1 Oct 1943

Seymour Johnson Field; NC, 13 Oct 1943

Bluethenthal Field, NC, 8 Dec 1943-10 Apr 1944

Larson AFB, WA, 18 Aug 1955-1 Jul 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

402d Fighter Group, 1 Oct 1943

326th Fighter Group, 25 Nov 1943-10 Apr 1944

9th Air Division, 18 Aug 1955

4721st Air Defense Group, 1 Dec 1956

4700th Air Defense Wing, 1 May 1959

Spokane Air Defense Sector, 15 May 1960

Department of the Air Force, 1 Jul 1960

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1944

P-47C

P-47D

F-86, 1955-1958

F-104, 1958-1960

F-86D 1955-1957

F-86L 1957-1958

F-104A 1958-1960

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

11 Jul 1958-14 Nov 1959

EMBLEM

Over a black disc, a shield divided per bend red and Air Force blue, on a dexter bend white, two crosses of the third, between a black knight's helmet, fimbriated and detail white, in chief, and a sun red, issuing from sinister (base), with golden yellow rays radiating across the field; between the rays two stars of the fourth; over all a flaming sword in pale, all proper (flames red, highlighted white and yellow, outline black; sword blade white, shaded steel gray, outlines black, hilt and pommel golden yellow), the shield edged white. (Approved, 20 Dec 1956)

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OPERATIONS

Replacement training, Jan-Apr 1944.