

## 482<sup>nd</sup> FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron constituted, 12 Oct 1943

Activated, 1 Nov 1943

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 Nov 1955

Activated, 8 Apr 1956

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1965

#### STATIONS

*Grand Central Air Terminal, CA, 1 Nov 1943*

*March Field, CA, 1 Nov 1943*

Moses Lake AAFld, WA, 31 Mar 1944

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Apr 1956 (detachment operated from Miami Intl Aprt FL, 1 Jul-31 Dec 1961, and from Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1962)

#### ASSIGNMENTS

473<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Group, Nov 1943-31 Mar 1944

85<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 8 Apr 1956

35<sup>th</sup> Air Division, Sep 1958

32<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 15 Nov 1958

Washington Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1961

#### WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1944

P-39, 1944

**F-86D**

F-102A, 1957

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC James M. Thomas, 8 Apr 1956

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

Over a gray equilateral triangle, one point up, bordered black, a stylized silhouetted bird in upward flight, of the last. details of the first, eye red, carrying a weapon red, details black; from the nose of the weapon two lightning flashes red. (Approved, 3 Jul 1957)

## **MOTTO**

NON ARRIPIENT VIAM--They Shall Not Pass (Approved, 26 Nov 1962)

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 482d Fighter Interceptor Squadron, having been constituted on 12 October 1943, and activated on 1 November 1943 at March Army Air Field, California, served as a Replacement Training Unit (RTU) during World War II. Its mission was to train replacement pilots for fighter units overseas. The pilots assigned to the squadron as trainees already had received their first and second phase training in combat aircraft. The 482d provided the third phase of training in twin-engine P-38 fighters. The trainees received from 80 to 100 hours of flight training consisting of close formation flying, combat tactics, aerial gunnery, and intelligence training to prepare them for combat duty. The squadron's assignment as a Replacement Training Unit was short lived. On 31 March 1944, five months after activation, the unit was disbanded at Moses Lake Air Field, Washington, and its personnel were reassigned to the 431st AAF Base Unit.

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