

498th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

303rd Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 13 Jan 1942

Activated, 10 Feb 1942

Redesignated 303rd Bombardment Squadron (Dive), 27 Jul 1942

Redesignated 498th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 498th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Inactivated, 30 Sept 1968

STATIONS

Savannah AB, GA 10 Feb 1942

Drew Field, FL, 8 Feb 1943

Harding Field, LA, 4 Oct 1943

Hammond AAFld, LA, 11 Oct 1943

Abilene AAFld, TX, 11 Feb-1 Apr 1944

Geiger Field, WA, 18 Aug 1955

McChord AFB, WA 1963-1966

Paine Fld, WA 1966-1968

Hamilton AFB, CA 1968-1968

ASSIGNMENTS

84th Bombardment (later Fighter Bomber) Group, 10 Feb 1942-1 Apr 1944

84th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

V-72, 1942

A-24, 1942-1943

A-24A

A-24B

P-39, 1943

P-39Q

P-47, 1943-1944

P-47D

F-86, 1955-1957

F-86D

F-102A, 1957-1959

F-106A, 1959

F-106B

COMMANDERS

LTC Eugene L. Surowiec, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



498th Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblem: A disc divided diagonally by an Air Force yellow lightning bolt, the upper section white, with black cloud formations; the lower section deep blue, with nine white stars; over all a caricatured tiger, tawny orange, black facial features and stripes, white face, ear and chest markings; the tiger standing upright, fullface, with forepaws resting on hips. (Approved, 7 Mar 1956)

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OPERATIONS

Operational training unit, Jun 1942-Oct 1943, replacement training, Oct 1943-Feb 1944.

Air Defense Command's first operational F-106 unit.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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