

103rd AIR DEFENSE WING

MISSION

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103rd Fighter Wing activated, 28 Nov 1950
Redesignated 103rd Fighter Interceptor Wing
Redesignated 103rd Air Defense Wing
Inactivated, 30 Nov 1957

STATIONS

East Granby, CT

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

BG George R. Stanley, 28 Sep 1950
Col Thomas L. Carroll, 2 Jun 1955
Col H.B. Wetherell, 2 May 1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Or, a representation of a Connecticut colonial secretary running with the Colony's Charter in his

left hand proper (hat, coat, and breeches—blue; hair, vest, tie, shoes, and stockings—black; face, hands, shirt collar, shoe buckles, and charter—white); all within a diminished bordure triparted black, white, and black, the white part separated to chief to form in code the letters FEA. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The Flying Yankee patch depicts the Connecticut Colonial Secretary running with the Colony's charter in his left hand to secrete it in an oak tree to prevent seizure by the British. (Approved, 1 May 1953)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Flying Yankees

OPERATIONS

The new 103rd Fighter Wing was redesignated as a Fighter-Interceptor Wing and assigned to the Air Defense Command, for active participation in the air defense of the Eastern United States. The wing was moved from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn., to Suffolk County Airport (later called Suffolk County Air Force Base) West Hampton Beach, Long Island, N.Y.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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