

321 FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

321 Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 19 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 321 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Discontinued, 1 Mar 1960

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 19 Aug 1942

Bradley Field, CT, 2 Sep 1942

Westover Field, MA, 1 Nov 1942

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 17 Oct 1943-10 Apr 1944

Paine AFB, WA, 18 Aug 1955-1 Mar 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

326th Fighter Group, 19 Aug 1942-10 Apr 1944

326th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-1 Mar 1960

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1942-1944

F-89, 1955

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through a light blue disc, a green dragon bird blowing steam from nostrils and having yellow feet, fangs, and horns, diving bend-sinisterwise, holding a machine gun in each foot, emitting fire proper, all in front of a red lightning bolt bendwise and white cloud formation in base. (Approved, 9 Jan 1943)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 321st FIS was activated on August 18, 1955, at Paine AFB, Washington, under Project Arrow. At this time they replaced the 83rd FIS in designation.

The 321st FIS came under direct control of the 326th FIG which had replaced the 529th ADG, also effective August 18, which was commanded by Colonel Ira Wintermute.

The 321st FIS was the second ADC squadron selected to receive F-89Hs, and by June 1956 they had thirteen (with thirteen F-89Ds remaining).

By the end of the year they still had ten Ds, and only fourteen Hs. The following year, by June 1957, the F-89H was already being removed from the USAF inventory, and the 321st FIS had only twelve Hs and had received thirteen F-89Js.

The 321st FIS had twenty-eight F-89Js when they were inactivated on March 1, 1960, and their J models were turned over to the Air National Guard.

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