

330th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

330th Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

330th Fighter Squadron (Twin-Engine), 25 Sep 1942

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 330th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 14 Nov 1952

Activated, 27 Nov 1952

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1959

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Jul 1942

Paine Field, WA, 14 Jul 1942

Glendale, CA, 10 Sep 1942

San Diego, CA, 2 Nov 1942-31 Mar 1944

Stewart AFB, NY, 27 Nov 1952-1 Jul 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

329th Fighter Group, 10 Jul 1942-31 Mar 1944

4709th Defense (later Air Defense) Wing, 27 Nov 1952

4700th Air Defense Group, 20 Sep 1954

329th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-1 Jul-1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1942-1944

P-38G
P-38F
P-38H
P-38J
P-38C
P-38E
P-38D
F-80, 1952-1953
F-86, 1953-1959
F-80, 1952
F-80C
F-86A, 1953
F-86F, 1954
F-86D, 1955
F-86L

COMMANDERS

LTC Ernest B. Shepard, #1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a medium blue disc, border white, edged red, a caricatured black and yellow king bee with a look of ferocity on face, grasping a large brown club, all in front of a large white cloud formation. (Approved, 4 Mar 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained replacement pilots, Sep 1942-Mar 1944; furnished cadres for fighter squadrons, Jan-Dec 1943; served as part of air defense force for the west coast, 1943.

26 October 1958 North American F-86L Sabre, 53-0569, of the 330th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Stewart AFB, New York, crashes W of that base while on approach in a snow storm, killing pilot Lt. Gary W. Crane.

Air Force Order of Battle

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