

## 331<sup>st</sup> FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

331<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 331<sup>st</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 3 Feb 1953

Activated, 24 Feb 1953

Inactivated 1 Mar 1967

### STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Jul 1942

Paine Field, WA, 14 Jul 1942

Inglewood, CA, 10 Sep 1942

Van Nuys Metropolitan Aprt, CA, 4 Nov 1952

Olympia, WA, 13 Aug 1943

Ellensburg AAFld, WA, 1 Nov 1943

Ontario AAFld, CA, 27 Dec 1943-31 Mar 1944

Suffolk County AFB, NY, 24 Feb 1953

Stewart AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955

Webb AFB, TX, 15 Aug 1958

### ASSIGNMENTS

329<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 10 Jul 1942-31 Mar 1944  
519<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Group, 24 Feb 1953  
329<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955  
33<sup>rd</sup> Air Division, 15 Aug 1958  
Albuquerque Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan 1960  
Oklahoma City Air Defense Sector, 15 Sep 1960  
4752<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Wing, 1 Sep 1961

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-38, 1942-1944  
P-38E  
P-38F  
P-38G  
P-38H  
F-51D, 1953  
F-86D, 1953  
F-86L  
F-102A, 1960  
F-104A, 1963

#### **COMMANDERS**

LTC R. C. Watson, #1956

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

None

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

##### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
21-28 Oct 1962

#### **EMBLEM**



331<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron emblem



331<sup>st</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblem

On a disc black, a stylized griffin courant; body, tongue, and eye, shades of yellow; wings, head, and forked tail white, shaded gray; claws and beak, shades of red and purple between two lightning flashes white, shaded gray. (Approved, 28 Sep 1954)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Trained replacement pilots, Sep 1942-Mar 1944, and furnished cadres for fighter squadrons, Jan-Dec 1943.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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