

491st FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

304th Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 13 Jan 1942
Activated, 10 Feb 1942
Redesignated 304th Bombardment Squadron (Dive), 27 Jul 1942
Redesignated 491st Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

STATIONS

Savannah AB, GA 10 Feb 1942
Drew Field, FL, 8 Feb 1943
Harding Field, LA, 4 Oct 1943-1 Apr 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

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

WEAPON SYSTEMS

V-72, 1942
A-24, 1942- 1943
A-24A
P-39, 1943
P-47, 1943-1944

P-47D

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a red disc, a black caricatured crow, beak and feet yellow, wearing a green turtleneck sweater and brown aviator's goggles, dropping a black fire bomb to base, and standing on a white cloud formation, outlined light blue, which is supporting a second black fire bomb. (Approved, 10 Jul 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Operational training unit, Jun 1942-Oct 1943; replacement training, Oct 1943-Apr 1944

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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