

## 501<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, TACTICAL



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

501<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 3 Sep 1942  
Activated, 8 Sep 1942  
Inactivated, 29 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 501<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, 26 Sep 1957  
Activated, 8 Oct 1957  
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1959

#### STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 8 Sep 1942  
Walterboro AAFld, SC, 5 Mar-16 Apr 1943  
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 5 Jun 1943  
Dobodura, New Guinea, 23 Dec 1943  
Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944  
Biak, 23 Jul 1944  
Dulag, Leyte (operated from Biak), 13 Nov 1944  
Tacloban, Leyte, 27 Dec 1944  
San Marcelino, Luzon, 12 Feb 1945  
Clark Field, Luzon, 12 May 1945  
Ie Shima, 28 Jul-11 Dec 1945  
Camp Stoneman, CA, 28-29 Dec 1945  
Langley AFB, VA, 8 Oct 1954-25 Jun 1959

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

345<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 8 Sep 1942-29 Dec 1945

345<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 8 Oct 1957-25 Jun 1959

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-25, 1942-1945

B-25D

B-57, 1957-1959

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

New Guinea

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

China Offensive

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

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Rabaul, New Britain, 2 Nov 1943

Saigon, French Indo-China, 28 Apr 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

## **EMBLEM**



501<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) emblem

501<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Tactical emblem: on a white disc edged black, an Air Force golden yellow increscent moon, surmounted by a black silhouetted springing panther. Emblem inspired by a sign on a Chicago cocktail lounge for "The Black Panther Lounge" Approved, 8 Apr 1958)

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

BLACK PANTHERS

**OPERATIONS**

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 21 Jun 1943-1 Sep 1945.



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