

# 517<sup>th</sup> STRATEGIC FIGHTER SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

634<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Dive) constituted, 23 Mar 1943  
Activated, 28 Mar 1943  
Redesignated 517<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943  
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944  
Reconstituted and redesignated 517<sup>th</sup> Strategic Fighter Squadron, 13 Nov 1953  
Activated, 18 Dec 1953  
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957

### STATIONS

Drew Field, FL, 28 Mar 1943  
Lakeland AAFld, FL, 2 Oct 1943  
Galveston AAFld, TX, 9 Nov 1943  
Bruning AAFld, NE, 3 Mar-1 Apr 1944  
Great Falls AFB, MT, 18 Dec 1953-1 Jul 1957

### DEPLOYED STATIONS

Misawa AB, Japan, 15 Aug 1954-8 Nov 1954

### ASSIGNMENTS

407<sup>th</sup> Bombardment (later Fighter Bomber) Group, 28 Mar 1943-1 Apr 1944  
407<sup>th</sup> Strategic Fighter Wing, 18 Dec 1953-1 Jul 1957

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-36, 1943  
A-36A  
P-51, 1943  
P-47, 1943-1944  
P-47D  
F-84, 1954-1957  
F-84F

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

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

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Feb-21 Dec 1956

### **EMBLEM**

Over a cloud an Indian arrow in pale [sic] all proper, with fastener and feather Air Force blue, thereover an Arapahoe Indian tribal shield, rawhide with embattled motif edge red and black; the shield charged with a feather of the second and white, debruised by an Indian bird in flight black. (Approved 17 Nov 1954)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Training for combat and later replacement training, 1943-1944.