

## VIII FIGHTER COMMAND



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

VIII Interceptor Command constituted, 19 Jan 1942

Activated, 1 Feb 1942

Redesignated VIII Fighter Command, May 1942

Inactivated, 20 Mar 1946

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

#### STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Feb 1942

Charleston, SC, 13 Feb-1 May 1942

High Wycombe, England, 12 May 1942

Bushey Hall, England, 27 Jul 1942

Charleroi, Belgium, 15 Jan 1945

High Wycombe, England, 17 Jul 1945

Honington, England, 26 Oct 1945-20 Mar 1946

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force

#### WEAPON SYSTEMS

#### COMMANDERS

Col Lawrence P. Hickey, 1 Feb 1942

Brig Gen Frank O'D Hunter, 14 May 1942

Maj Gen William E. Kepner, 29 Aug 1943  
Brig Gen Murray C. Woodbury, 1 Aug 1944  
Brig Gen Francis H. Griswold, 3 Aug 1944  
Col Benjamin J. Webster, 17 Oct 1944  
Col Robert W. Humphreys, 19 Apr 1945  
Maj Gen Westside T. Larson, 17 Jul 1945  
Maj Gen William E. Kepner, 22 Jul 1945  
Maj Gen Westside T. Larson, 3 Aug 1945  
Maj Gen Howard M. Turner, 22 Sep 1945  
Brig Gen Emil C. Kiel, 13 Oct 1945-Mar 1946

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe

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

#### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

A figurehead consisting of a blue demi lion rampant outlined in gold. (Approved, 23 May 1942)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

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