

# IX FIGHTER COMMAND

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

IX Interceptor Command constituted, 19 Jan 1942  
Activated, 1 Feb 1942  
Redesignated IX Fighter Command, May 1942  
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1945  
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

## STATIONS

New Orleans AAB, LA, 1 Feb 1942  
Drew Field, FL, Jul-Oct 1942  
El Kabrit, Egypt, 31 Jan 1943  
Tripoli, Libya, 10 Apr-22 Sep 1943  
Middle Wallop, England, 30 Nov 1943-Jul 1944  
Les Obeaux, France, Jul 1944  
Canisy, France, Aug 1944  
Charleroi, Belgium, Sep 1944  
Verviers, Belgium, Oct 1944  
Bruhl, Germany, Mar 1945  
Weimar, Germany, Apr 1945  
Fritzlar, Germany, Jul 1945  
Erlangen, Germany, Sep-Nov 1945

## ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force

## COMMANDERS

Capt Phillip R. Pattison, 1 Feb 1942  
Col Thomas W. Blackburn, 16 Feb 1942

Maj Phillip R. Pattison, Jul 1942  
Lt Col W. C. Warren, 6 Aug 1942  
Maj Joseph A. Kelly, 10 Aug 1942  
Maj Arch G. Campbell, Jr., 15 Aug 1942  
Maj Hugh E. McConville, Aug 1942  
Col John C. Kilborn, Sep 1942  
Brig Gen Aubrey C. Strickland, Jan 1943  
Col Charles D. McAllister, 3 Jun 1943  
Col Frederick M. Byerly, 13 Sep 1943  
Lt Col Ray J. Stecker, 4 Oct 1943  
Maj Gen Elwood R. Quesada, 18 Oct 1943  
Brig Gen Ralph F. Stearley, 21 Apr 1945-unkn

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Combat, EAME Theater  
Egypt-Libya  
Air Offensive, Europe  
Tunisia  
Sicily  
Naples-Foggia  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

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