

98th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

98th Fighter Squadron constituted, 16 Jul 1942

Activated, 23 Jul 1942

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 98th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 24 Oct 1955

Activated, 8 Mar 1956

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1968

STATIONS

Morris Field, NC, 23 Jul 1942

Drew Field, FL, 7 Aug 1942

Sarasota, FL, 3 Jan 1943-1 May 1944

Dover AFB, DE, 8 Mar 1956-20 Jun 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

337th Fighter Group, 23 Jul 1942-1 May 1944

4709th Air Defense Wing, 8 Mar 1956

4621st Air Defense Wing (later New York Air Defense Sector), 1 Oct 1956

4728th Air Defense Group, 8 Feb 1957

New York Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1948

Washington Air Defense Sector, 1 Feb 1959

New York Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1961

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39, 1942
P-39D
P-43, 1942
P-43A
P-40, 1942-1944
P-40E
P-40K
P-40L
P-40M
P-40N
F-89D, 1956
F-89H
F-89J
F-101B, 1959
F-101F

COMMANDERS

LTC Robert K. Fletcher, #1956
LTC J. DeLapp, #1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over a red-orange disc, edged black, a stylized black falcon with white detail outlines; red eyeballs and tongue; golden yellow beak; his wings extending beyond edge of disc. (Approved, 30 Nov 1956)

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OPERATIONS

The 98th was activated at Morris Field, in Charlotte, N.C. on the 22 July 1942 as a part of the 337th Fighter Group under the Third Fighter Command, which was given the important task of

training replacement fighter pilots. The 98th continued to serve in this capacity throughout its WW II existence. Consequently, the squadron had an undramatic and brief career during the war period. The product of the training was P-39 and P-40 pilots, many of whom later distinguished themselves in the war.

Late in 1943, as a result of protests registered by the Third Air Force and Third Fighter Command over the use of regularly constituted T/O tactical units in the replacement program, and because of the geographical separation and its adverse effect on unit administration, a reorganization was initiated. Consequently, on 1 May 1944, the 98th Fighter Squadron, along with the rest of the 337th Group, was disbanded.

Air Force Order of Battle

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