

LOS ANGELES FIGHTER WING

MISSION

Provided air defense for the Los Angeles area. Also trained fighter groups and personnel.

LINEAGE

Los Angeles Air Defense Wing constituted, 6 Aug 1942

Activated, 20 Aug 1942

Redesignated Los Angeles Fighter Wing, Jul 1943

Disbanded, 7 Jun 1944

STATIONS

Los Angeles, CA, 20 Aug 1942-7 Jun 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

Fourth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Col Robert S. Israel, Jr., Aug 1942

Maj Henry G. Thome, Jr., 11 Dec 1942

Brig Gen Edward M. Morris, 6 Jan 1943

Lt Col Henry G. Thorne, Jr., 21 Mar 1943

Col Ralph A. Snavelly, 25 Mar 1943

Lt Col Merrick Bayer, 4 Aug 1943

Col Romulus W. Puryear, 16 Aug 1943

Col Ralph A. Snavelly, 8 Dec 1943

Lt Col Edward G. Hillery, 26 Mar 1944

Lt Col John O. Zahn, 5 Apr 1944

Maj Gomer Lewis, May-7 Jun 1944

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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