

482nd FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON

LINEAGE

482nd Fighter Squadron constituted, 12 Oct 1943

Activated, 1 Nov 1943

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 482nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 Nov 1955

Activated, 8 Apr 1956

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1965

STATIONS

Grand Central Air Terminal, CA, 1 Nov 1943

March Field, CA, 1 Nov 1943

Moses Lake AAFld, WA, 31 Mar 1944

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Apr 1956 (detachment operated from Miami Intl Aprt FL, 1 Jul-31 Dec 1961, and from Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1962)

ASSIGNMENTS

473rd Fighter Group, Nov 1943-31 Mar 1944

85th Air Division, 8 Apr 1956

35th Air Division, Sep 1958

32nd Air Division, 15 Nov 1958

Washington Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1961

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1944

P-39, 1944

F-102A, 1957 *1956*

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

LTC James M. Thomas, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over a gray equilateral triangle, one point up, bordered black, a stylized silhouetted bird in upward

flight, of the last. details of the first, eye red, carrying a weapon red, details black; from the nose of the weapon two lightning flashes red.(Approved, 3 Jul 1957)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NON ARRIPIENT VIAM--They Shall Not Pass (Approved, 26 Nov 1962)

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Replacement training, 1944.

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Lt. Col. James M. Thomas assumed command of this unit on 8 April 1956 and holds that position now.

482nd F-I Squadron: activated 8 Apr 56 at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, assigned to the 85th AD, flying F-86D acft; converted to F-102A acft in May 57; transferred to 35th AD 1 Sep 58; transferred to 32nd AD 15 Nov 58; transferred to Washington ADS 1 Jul 61; discontinued 1 Oct 65.

Air Force Order of Battle
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Sources
Unit History. 85th Air Division, Defense. 1957