

# 324<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

324<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 25 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 324<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 8 Jul 1955

Activated, 18 Oct 1955

Discontinued, 8 Mar 1960

### STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 25 Aug 1942

Bolling Field, DC, 25 Aug 1942

Richmond AAB, VA, 20 Sep 1942-10 Apr 1944

Westover AFB, MA, 18 Oct 1955-25 Jun 1958

Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, 1 Jul 1958-8 Mar 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

327<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 25 Aug 1942-10 Apr 1944

4707<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, 18 Oct 1955

4622<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Wing (later Boston Air Defense Sector), 18 Oct 1956

4729<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Group, 8 Jul 1957

Boston Air Defense Sector, 25 Jun 1958

316<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Jul 1958

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40, 1942-1943  
P-47, 1943-1944  
P-40F  
P-47D  
P-47C  
F-86, 1955-1960  
F-86D  
F-86L

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Leonard F. Koehler

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

Over a disc Air Force blue, a bolt of lightning red, placed horizontally across the disc; superimposed over the bolt a stylized eagle's head light tan and white, beak Air Force yellow, cere and eyeball white, pupil black, iris red, all outlines and detail black. (Approved, 17 May 1956)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 324th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was constituted and activated on 25 August 1942 at Boiling Field, D. C. The mission of the 324th Fighter Squadron was training flying and ground personnel for combat organizations. The squadron was equipped with P-40s and P-47s. On 10 April 1944 the 324th Fighter Squadron was disbanded.

The 324th was reactivated on 15 October 1955 as the 324th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of Air Defense Command at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. The initial influx of personnel both officer and non-commissioned officers was slow, and it wasn't until March 1956 that the squadron received the assigned aircraft, the F-86D. Lt. Col. Leonard F. Koehler, Commander, guided the squadron through its first days of reactivation.

F-86D 515877 crashed on 24 October 1957 in Centerville, Ohio shortly after taking off from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The pilot, 1st Lt Ronald Clair who was assigned to the 324 was killed in the crash.

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Sources

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