

326th FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)

MISSION

LINEAGE

326th Fighter Group constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 19 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 326th Fighter Group (Air Defense), 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Discontinued, 1 Apr 1961

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 19 Aug 1942

Bradley Field, CT, 1 Sep 1942

Westover Field, MA, 1 Nov 1942

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 13 Oct 1943-10 Apr 1944

Paine AFB, WA, 18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

First Air Force

25th Air Division

Seattle Air Defense Sector, 10 Feb 1960

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47

F-86

COMMANDERS

LTC Gilbert L. Meyers, 24 Aug 1942

LTC William S. Steele, 14 Jun 1943-10 Apr 1944

Col Ira F. Wintermute, 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, a cockatrice volant or crested and beaked gules. (Approved, 31 Dec 1942)

MOTTO

FORTITER ET SINCERE— Boldly and Sincerely

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Became part of the air defense force and also served as an operational training unit. Later became a replacement training unit, preparing pilots for combat duty in P-47

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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