

456th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

456th Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine constituted, 5 Oct 1944
Activated, 15 Oct 1944
Inactivated, 25 Aug 1946
Redesignated 456th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 23 Mar 1953
Activated, 8 Aug 1954
Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955
Activated, 18 Oct 1955
Inactivated, 18 Jul 1968

STATIONS

Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 15 Oct 1944
Selfridge Field, MI, 21 Nov 1944
Bluethenthal Field, NC, 19 Mar-5 Jun 1945
North Field, Iwo Jima, 7 Jul 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 23 Dec 1945
Floridablanca, Luzon, unkn- 25 Aug 1946
George AFB, CA, 8 Aug 1954-18 Aug 1955
Castle AFB, CA, 18 Oct 1955-18 Jul 1968

ASSIGNMENTS

414th Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1944-25 Aug 1946
520th Air Defense Group, 8 Aug 1954-18 Aug 1955
28th Air Division, 18 Oct 1955
San Francisco Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1960
Los Angeles Air Defense Sector 1 Aug 1963-1 Apr 1966
26th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966-1 Jul 1968
27th Air Division, 1 Jul-18 Jul 1968

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1944-1946
P-47D
P-47N
F-86D, 1954
F-86L, 1957
F-102A, 1958-1959
F-106A, 1959

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through an ultra-marine blue disc, a caricatured, ferocious, red octopus, affronte, winged gold, having yellow eyes with green pupils, three tentacles on either side focused and emanating a golden fluid toward center base; area enclosed within tentacles and fluid of the field. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The octopus represents tenacious air power encircling the enemy, spurting fiery death from its aircraft armament; The background is blue, representing the squadron color. (Approved, 21 Mar 1945)

MOTTO

EXERTUS, MOSTUS, FIGHTUS, BESTUS

NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

Combat in Western Pacific, 13 Jul-14 Aug 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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