

# 501<sup>st</sup> FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 13 Jan 1942  
Activated, 10 Feb 1942  
Redesignated 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Dive), 27 Jul 1943  
Redesignated 501<sup>st</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 10 Aug 1943  
Disbanded, 1 May 1944

### STATIONS

Savannah AB, GA, 10 Feb 1942  
Bowman Field, KY, 16 Feb 1942  
Hunter Field, GA, 9 Jun 1942  
Waycross, GA, 15 Aug 1942  
Gillespie Field, TN, 2 Oct 1942  
Blythe AAB, CA, 23 Oct 1942  
Rice, CA, 12 Dec 1942  
Harding Field, LA, 9 Apr 1943  
Waycross AAFld, GA, 25 Sep 1943-1 May 1944

### ASSIGNMENTS

85<sup>th</sup> Bombardment (later Fighter-Bomber) Group, 10 Feb 1942-1 May 1944

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

V-72, 1942  
A-24, 1942-1943  
A-36, 1943  
P-39, 1943-1944  
P-40, 1944  
P-47, 1944

A-36A  
A-24A  
P-39Q  
P-40N  
P-47C

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

None

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc light blue, bordure white, a caricatured figure in flight uniform tan, wearing helmet and goggles, kneeling on a large white cloud formation in base, on which rests three yellow spare bombs; blowing an aerial bomb yellow, extending over and through rim of disc, at an objective by means of a blow gun held to mouth by right hand; speed lines white. (Approved, 10 Oct 1942)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Participated in air-ground maneuvers, Oct 1942-Apr 1943, and afterward served as a replacement training unit until 1 May 1944.