

## 531<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

531<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942  
Activated, 3 Nov 1942  
Inactivated, 20 Feb 1946  
Redesignated 531<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 29 May 1947  
Redesignated 531<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 26 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951  
Inactivated, 16 May 1951  
Activated, 1 May 1959  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

#### STATIONS

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 3 Nov 1942  
Biggs Field, TX, 2 Dec 1942  
Lowry Field, CO, 4 Mar-19 Apr 1943  
Manbulloo, Australia, 28 Apr 1943  
Long Strip, Australia, 5 Dec 1943  
Darwin, Australia, 21 Jul 1944  
San Jose, Mindoro, 1 Mar 1945  
Okinawa, c. 15 Aug 1945  
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Nov 1945-20 Feb 1946  
MacDill Field, FL, 29 May 1947-16 May 1951  
Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 1 May 1959-1 Jan 1962

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946  
Fourteenth Air Force, 29 May 1947  
380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 16 Jun 1947-16 May 1951  
380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 1 May 1959-1 Jan 1962

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24D  
B-24J

## **COMMANDERS**

1Lt James Dienelt

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
China Defensive  
New Guinea  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Western Pacific  
Luzon  
China Offensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Borneo, 13, 15 and 17 Aug 1943  
New Guinea, 20 Apr-17 May 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

## **EMBLEM**

Over and through a light turquoise blue disc, DONALD DUCK, proper, standing on a white cloud formation in base, outlined light turquoise blue, wearing an ultramarine blue jacket and sailor cap, brandishing left fist and hurling black fire bomb, fused yellow orange, with uplifted right hand. (Approved, 20 Apr 1944)

## **MOTTO**

**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Combat in the Southwest and Western Pacific, 21 May 1943-24 Jul 1945.