

141st FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP

LINEAGE

Organized as 141st Fighter Group, 1 July 1960
Redesignated 141st Fighter Interceptor Group
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1976

STATIONS

Geiger Field, Spokane Airport, WA, 1960
Fairchild AFB, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYTEMS

Mission Aircraft

F-89D, 1960
F-89J
F-102
TF-102 1965
F-101B 1969
F-101F 1969
KC-135A, 1976
KC-135E,
KC-135R,

Support Aircraft

C-47, 1952
T-33, 1949
C-54G, 1966
U-3B, 1970
T-29, 1970
C-131D, 1975

ASSIGNED TAIL/BASE CODES

COMMANDERS

LTC Wilson Gillis 1960
Maj Lloyd Howard 1961
LTC Lyle W. Scott 1963

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

AFOUA 1983

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

The wing patch depicts the ash of Mount St. Helens spewing out of the mountaintop. There are a total of three green mountain peaks, two of which are snow capped and the third is the volcano erupting. The peaks are set against an azure blue sky with a bright yellow sun rising from between two of the peaks. A white plume of ash rises from the volcano. Directly below the scalloped band of red and white are six yellow five-pointed stars arranged on a deep ultramarine blue background. The shield is piped or bordered in Air Force yellow

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In 1960 the 116th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was reorganized with the creation of the 141st Fighter Group. New units were formed: 141st Headquarters, 141st Fighter Group, Materiel Squadron, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Air Base Squadron and the USAF Dispensary.

In March 1975, the 141st Fighter Interceptor Group accepted a VC-131D, serial no. 54-2820 from Headquarters Air Defense Command at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Col. Lloyd Howard, Pilot (now ret.), Capt. Steve Bailey, Copilot; and MSgt Mike Fisher, Flight Engineer, delivered our "new" Convair to Spokane International Airport. This "new" Convair 340 had rolled off the production line in San Diego, California on Feb. 17, 1955. It was old enough to drink in Idaho. The VC-131D replaced the T-29D when all Air Guard T-29's were retired to the boneyard, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. The C-131 is a Mission Support Aircraft for the Army and Air National Guard for Washington State. It carries passengers and hauls cargo, approximately 360 hours per year. It has flown all over the continental United States, western Canada and in July 1983 made its' first trip to Alaska. In 1980 we supported the Governor's office and staff during the crises of the Mt. Saint Helens eruption. The current crew includes 6 pilots: Walt Hodgen, 3arney Waldrop, John Kobza, Jay Gallentine, Tom Gresch, and

Steve Gural; 2 crew chiefs: Mike Fisher and Jerry Noble, and numerous flight attendants. In the summer of '81" a group of about 15 dedicated aircraft lovers from the 141 RM Sq, lead by Clarence 3renneise tackled the interior of the C131. Following the removal of most everything that could be removed, they recovered the seats and installed new carpeting. They refinished the wall and restained the wood. The pilots' seats were redone and the galley was remodeled. All this in less than 2 months....Absolutely amazing! The exterior was repainted in the spring of '83 at Dothan, Alabama. It was then hand buffed.



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Sources

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