

456th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



LINEAGE

456th Fighter Squadron 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 Sctr 1 Aug 1963-1 Apr 1966
26th Air Div 1 Apr 1966-1 Jul 1968
27th Air Div 1 Jul-18 Jul 1968

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1944-1946
F-86D, 1954

F-86L, 1957
F-102A, 1958-1959
F-106A, 1959

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

F-106

56-0457	57-2478	57-2518	58-0764	58-0776	59-0143
57-0234	57-2480	57-2520	58-0765	59-0009	59-0144
57-0243	57-2481	57-2521	58-0766	59-0022	59-0145
57-2453	57-2482	57-2524	58-0767	59-0117	59-0146
57-2456	57-2483	57-2526	58-0768	59-0125	59-0147
57-2457	57-2485	57-2532	58-0769	59-0127	59-0148
57-2458	57-2486	57-2533	58-0770	59-0131	59-0163
57-2459	57-2487	57-2534	58-0771	59-0138	
57-2461	57-2490	58-0759	58-0772	59-0139	
57-2463	57-2491	58-0760	58-0773	59-0140	
57-2464	57-2492	58-0761	58-0774	59-0141	
57-2469	57-2509	58-0763	58-0775	59-0142	

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

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. (Approved 21 Mar 1945)

EMBLEM 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.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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

456th FIS

Assignments

The following F-106s were assigned to the 456th FIS at Castle AFB CA from 16 September 1959 to 09 July 1968. A total of 67 aircraft were assigned with 2 losses.

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The 456th FIS was activated at George AFB, CA in August 1954 with F-86D's. In August 1955 the unit was deactivated only to be reactivated again at Castle AFB in October 1955 with F-86Ds. In the fall of 1957 the unit transitioned into F-86Ls and in June 1958 into F-102As. In September 1959 it received F-106A's. The squadron along with its distinctive tail flash color markings moved to Oxnard AFB on 18 July 1968 and was re-designated the 437th FIS.

58-0793 painted as 57-2456 representing the 456th FIS "On-Display" in the Castle Air Museum, Atwater CA. It was prepared for shipping from Tucson AZ in Oct 2002 and arrived Castle Air Museum on 21 Dec 2002 where the Castle Restoration team began restoring it for static display. It was painted and ready for photo's May 2003.

456 FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON WAS ASSIGNED TO 28 AIR DIVISION
EFFECTIVE 18 OCT 55.

456th F-I Squadron: activated 8 Aug 54 at Truax Field, WI, as the 520th AD Group; flying F-86D acft; inactivated 18 Aug 55, (replaced by 325th FIS); reactivated 18 Oct 55 at Castle AFB, CA and assigned to 28th AD, flying F-86D acft; cony to F-86L acft in fall 57; cony to F-102A in Apr 58; cony to F-106A acft in Sep 59; transferred to San Francisco ADS 1 Jul 60; transferred to Los Angeles ADS 1 Aug 63; transferred to 26th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 27th AD 18 Jul 68; discontinued 18 Jul 68.

The 456th FIS began conversion from the F-102 to the F-W6 during the first half of 1960 while located at Castle AFB, California. On July 18, 1968, it moved to Oxnard, and was redesignated the 437th FIS. This is the ops officer's aircraft as seen in September 1962. It crashed on August 27, 1963, while with the 498th FIS. The crash was a mid-air collision with a B-57. The tail is yellow (FS 13538) outlined in black with black stripes on the rudder. Yellow stripes outlined in black are on the fuselage, and the triangular name plate is also yellow outlined in black. The three stripes at the base of the tail are red, white, and blue from top to bottom.

This later photograph of a 456th FIS aircraft shows some changes from the markings on the aircraft in the photo above. There are more stripes on the rudder, and the buzz number has been deleted. There is no flash coming from the squadron insignia. The tail bands and rudder stripes are now a blue (FS 15044) instead of black.

F106
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72487

441210	P-47D	44-20572	456FS	414FG	Selfridge AAF, MI	FLEF	Crowder, Ray E Jr	USA	MI	2.5M E Marshall, MI
441217	P-47D	42-8260	456FS	414FG	Selfridge AAF, MI	LACMF	LaBonte, Albert O	USA	MI	Selfridge AAF, MI
441221	P-47D	42-22402	456FS	414FG	Selfridge AAF, MI	TAC	Westman, Martin E	USA	MI	Selfridge AAF, MI
450116	BT-13A	41-10467	456FS	414FG	Selfridge AAF, MI	FLEF	Biestek, Edwin F	USA	MI	1.5M N Meade, MI
450209	P-47D	44-32897	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	CRLW	Abramson, Joel	USA	MI	Selfridge Field, MI
450224	P-47D	42-29133	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	KSSP	Hassner, Charles W	USA	MI	Selfridge Field, MI
450304	P-47D	44-32807	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	FLEF	Ballack, Jack B	USA	MI	2M NW Lexington, MI
450312	P-47N	44-88023	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	CRLMF	Cork, Joseph F	USA	MI	Selfridge Field, MI
450312	P-47D	44-32883	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	MAC	Jester, James L	USA	MI	5M W Harbor Beach, MI
450312	P-47D	42-29103	456FS	414FG	Selfridge Field, MI	BOMAC	Begor, Roland D	USA	MI	5M W Harbor Beach, MI
450328	P-47D	44-32831	456FS	414FG	Bluethenal Field, NC	FLF	Dennany, Raymond L	USA	NC	Bluethenal Field, NC
450329	P-47N	44-87838	456FS	414FG	Bluethenal Field, NC	TOAEF	Seiben, Albert J	USA	NC	Bluethenal Field, NC
450413	P-47N	44-88027	456FS	414FG	Bluethenal Field, NC	TAC	Casey, Lawrence R	USA	NC	Bluethenal Field, NC
450416	P-47N	44-87857	456FS	414FG	Bluethenal Field, NC	MACT	Robinson, Ward P	USA	NC	20M SW Wilmington, NC
450501	P-47N	44-88590	456FS	414FG	Bluethenal AAF, NC	BOMF	Corki, Joseph F	USA	NC	8M NNE Folkstone, NC
450725	P-47N	44-88561	456FS	414FG		CR	Anderson, James E	GUM		Orote Fld
450728	P-47N	44-88546	456FS	414FG		KCR	Cecot, Walter A	PTO		

450801	P-47N	44-88432	456FS	414FG		LAC	Johnson, Donn E	IWO		
450813	P-47N	44-88379	456FS	414FG		LAS	Begor, Roland D	IWO		Central AF/ 5mi S
450825	P-47N	44-88524	456FS	414FG		BO	Stamper, John W	IWO		Central Fld
450825	P-47N	44-88770	456FS	414FG		CRL	Patten, Robert J	PAC		Iwo Jima/ nr Airstrip #1
450828	P-47N	44-88807	456FS	414FG		TAC	Nolan, James P	IWO		Central AS
450921	P-47N	44-88580	456FS	414FG		LAC	Vanschaick, Jack R	IWO		Central AS
450923	P-47N	44-88573	456FS	414FG		LAC	Cool, Paul E	IWO		Central AF
451116	P-47N	44-88893	456FS	414FG		CREF	Cole, Herbert W	PAC		Iwo Jima/ 3 1/2mi NW
460418	P-51D- 25NA	44-74120	456FS	414FG		LACMF	Miller, Lloyd J	PHI		Florida Blanca AF
460505	AT-6F	44-82570	456FS	414FG		LAC	Miller, Lloyd J	PHI		Nichols Fld
460531	P-47N	44-88709	456FS	414FG		GMAC	Bleick, William D	PHI		Manila/ 15mi S
460619	P-47N	44-88376	456FS	414FG		TAC	Nafie, Marvin D	PHI		Florida Blanca AAB
460627	P-47N	44-88712	456FS	414FG		KCR	James, Milton D	PHI		Claark Fld Gunnery Range
460802	AT-6F	44-82564	456FS	414FG		LAC	Harter, William F	PHI		Florida Blanca AAB

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Sources
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