

489 ATTACK SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

77 Aero Squadron organized, 13 Aug 1917

Redesignated 489 Aero Squadron, 1 Feb 1918

Demobilized, 6 Mar 1919

489 Bombardment Squadron constituted and allotted to the reserve, 31 Mar 1924

Activated, date unkn

489 Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 489 Bombardment Squadron, 1932.

Consolidated unit designated 489 Bombardment Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

489 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 10 Aug 1942

Activated, 20 Aug 1942

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

Redesignated 489 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 24 Oct 1947

Activated in the reserve, 10 Nov 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

489 Bombardment Squadron Consolidated with 489 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 1958

Redesignated 489 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 11 Aug 1958

Activated, 1 Oct 1958

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962
Redesignated 489 Reconnaissance Squadron, 14 Jun 2011
Activated, 26 Aug 2011
Inactivated, 1 May 2015
Redesignated 489 Attack Squadron, 1 Dec 2016
Activated, 2 Dec 2016.

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX, 13 Aug 1917
Garden City, NY, 5 Nov-4 Dec 1917
St Maixent, France, 1 Jan 1918
Romorantin, France, 13 Feb 1918
Brest, France, 4 Jan 1919-unkn
Camp Stuart, VA, c. 8 Feb 1919
Camp Lee, VA, Feb-6 Mar 1919
Seattle, WA, [1924(?)]-31 May 1942
Columbia AAB, SC, 20 Aug 1942
Walterboro, SC, 30 Nov 1942-30 Jan 1943
El Kabrit, Egypt, 29 Mar 1943
Medenine, Tunisia, 13Apr 1943
Sfax, Tunisia, 26 Apr 1943
Hergla, Tunisia, 3 Jun 1943
Comiso, Sicily, 2 Aug 1943
Catania, Sicily, 27 Aug 1943
San Pancrazio, Italy, 15 Oct 1943
Foggia, Italy, 25 Nov 1943
Pompeii, Italy, 5 Jan 1944
Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 24 Mar 1944
Alesan, Corsica, 19 Apr 1944
Rimini, Italy, 4 Apr-c. 16 Jul 1945
Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 9 Aug 1945
Columbia AAB, SC, 2 Oct-7 Nov 1945
Davis Field, OK, 10 Nov 1947-27 Jun 1949
Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Oct 1958-1 Jan 1962
Beale AFB, CA, 26 Aug 2011-1 May 2015
Creech AFB, NV, 2 Dec 2016

ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 13 Aug 1917-Feb 1918
Air Service Production Center No. 2, Feb-Dec 1918
Unkn, Dec 1918-6 Mar 1919
Ninth Corps Area, [1924(?)]-31 May 1942
340 Bombardment Group, 20 Aug 1942-7 Nov 1945
340 Bombardment Group, 10 Nov 1947-27 Jun 1949

340 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1958-1 Jan 1962
9 Operations Group, 26 Aug 2011-1 May 2015
432 Operations Group, 2 Dec 2016

ATTACHMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-25, 1942-1945
B-47, 1958-1961

COMMANDERS

Maj Donald G. Graham, Jan 1925-12 Feb 1930
Maj David G. Logg, 12 Feb 1930-20 Feb 1939
Maj Robert D. Bedinger, 2 Mar 1939-Jun 1939
Unknown, Jun 1939-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Theater of Operations

Campaign Streamers

Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Po Valley
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
North Africa and Sicily, [Apr]-17 Aug 1943
Italy, 23 Sep 1944

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2013-31 May 2014
1 Jun 2017-31 May 2018
1 Jun 2018-31 May 2020

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012
1 Jun 2014-31 May 2015

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489th Bomb Squadron

On a white globe bordered white, land areas representing the western hemisphere, Air Force golden yellow; over all an Air Force blue dart-like weapon speeding to dexter its fins lined Air Force golden yellow; outlines and details Air Force blue throughout; all surmounted fesswise by a springing tiger in profile, natural colors. (Approved, 27 Oct 1959)





Approved, 27 Oct 1959; latest rendering, 27 Feb 2017

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OPERATIONS

Base construction and maintenance, 1918. Combat in MTO, 25 Apr 1943-24 Apr 1945.

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 31 March 1924, assigned to the 349th Bombardment Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Ninth Corps Area.

The squadron was one of a few in the Organized Reserve that possessed facilities, equipment, and aircraft.

Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at the Butler Hotel and Boeing Field in Seattle. Conducted summer training at various locations to include Rockwell Field, CA, Pearson Field, WA, and Gray Field, WA. Inactivated on 30 January 1942 by relief of personnel.

Liberty's Red Flag: MC-12 Liberty reconnaissance aircraft are participating for the first time in a Red Flag exercise-iteration RF 12-3 that runs through Friday at Nellis AFB, Nev.-supporting air-to-ground scenarios alongside other US and allied aircraft. The 489th Reconnaissance Squadron at Beale AFB, Calif., stood up with the MC-12 last August, less than two years after the aircraft type entered service. "Being in Red Flag not only validates the capability we provide, but enables us to train and integrate with a huge list of other weapon systems," said Lt. Col. Harlie Bodine, 489th RS commander. "Being at Red Flag is critical" for Liberty aircrews, some of which will be "in combat in 14 days," he added. MC-12 crews are trained to pursue elusive high-value targets such as insurgent kingpins. At Nellis, said, Bodine, crews "exercise and work with every piece . . . before the bullets start flying." 2012

The Air Force's fleet of MC-12W information-gathering airplanes recently flew its 300,000th combat flying hour, according to officials at Beale AFB, Calif., the fleet's stateside home. The milestone occurred during a sortie over Afghanistan, states Beale's Oct. 8 release. The first MC-12 combat sortie took place in Iraq in June 2009, so it took only some four years for the fleet to reach this mark. "There is insatiable demand for this aircraft," said Col. Phil Stewart, Beale's 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander. The twin-engine MC-12s carry cameras and electronic eavesdropping equipment that gather intelligence for ground troops. "This aircraft is vital to mission success; it's essentially the eyes and ears of our ground forces," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Allison, 489th Reconnaissance Squadron commander. However popular, the Air Force may have to divest the MC-12 fleet due to budget constraints. 2013

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