# **446 MISSILE SQUADRON**



### **MISSION**

### LINEAGE

446 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942 Activated, 26 Jun 1942

Redesignated 446 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 6 Mar 1944 Inactivated, 12 Sep 1945

Redesignated 446 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 5 Mar 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 30 Mar 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 446 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 25 Nov 1953

Activated, 15 Dec 1953

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Oct 1961

Redesignated 446 Strategic Missile Squadron and activated, 19 Apr 1965

Organized, 1 Jul 1965

Redesignated 446 Missile Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

### **STATIONS**

Barksdale Field, LA, 26 Jun 1942 Columbia AAB, SC, 1 Aug 1942

Walterboro, SC, 17 Sep 1942

DeRidder AAB, LA, 1 Dec 1942–21 Jan 1943

Oujda, French Morocco, 7 Mar 1943

Ain M'Lila, Algeria, 12 Mar 1943

Souk-el-Arba, Tunisia, 1 Jun 1943

Soliman, Tunisia, 9 Aug 1943

Grottaglie, Italy, 3 Oct 1943

Amendola, Italy, 27 Nov 1943

Vincenzo Airfield, Italy, 14 Jan 1944
Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 18 Feb 1944
Solenzara, Corsica, 29 Apr 1944
Falconara, Italy, 6 Apr 1945
Pomigliano, Italy, Aug–12 Sep 1945
Johnstown Muni Aprt, PA, 30 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949
Pinecastle (later, McCoy) AFB, FL, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961
Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Jul 1965

### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

RAF Lakenheath, England, 9 Dec 1954–5 Mar 1955 Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco, 9 Apr–3 Jul 1956

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

321 Bombardment Group, 26 Jun 1942–12 Sep 1945 Eleventh Air Force, 30 Mar 1947 321 Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949 321 Bombardment Wing, 15 Dec 1953–25 Oct 1961 Strategic Air Command, 19 Apr 1965 321 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jul 1965 321 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991 321 Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-25, 1942-1945 AT-6 AT-11, 1947-1949 B-47, 1953-1961 Minuteman II, 1966-1972 Minuteman III, 1972

# **COMMANDERS**

# **HONORS**Service Streamers

# **Campaign Streamers**

World War II
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno
Southern France

North Apennines Central Europe Po Valley Air Combat, EAME Theater

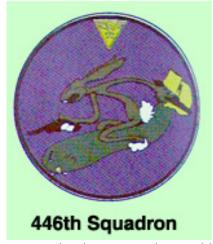
# **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

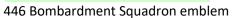
# **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations Athens, Greece, 8 Oct 1943 Toulon, France, 18 Aug 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards 1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969 1 Jul 1984–30 Jun 1986 1 Jun 1986–30 Jun 1987

# **EMBLEM**











446 Missile Squadron emblem: On a disc quartered Blue and White and edged Blue; a sphere, land area Green, water areas Light Blue; encircling the sphere a modernistic wing with speed lines of the first and second colors; above the demi-sphere a tiger, in his proper colors, resting his paws on the top of the sphere. **SIGNIFICANCE:** "Always the Highest" is symbolized by our squadron motto ... and tiger poised at the top of the world. The watchful, alert tiger is symbolic of the state of readiness and capability of the personnel of this squadron to defend our country. The modernistic wing encircling the globe is symbolic of the speed, mobility, and future operational development of the squadron's equipment. The blue in the insigne is the squadron color and is representative of the integrity of the men in the squadron. The silver in the insigne is symbolic of the purity and sterling quality of our men and of the noble purpose of our existence as a squadron of the Air Force. The red used to inscribe the motto is representative of the courage with which the men of the squadron will fulfill their mission. (Approved, 4 May 1956)

#### **MOTTO**

SEMPER SUMMATUM—Always the Highest

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in MTO and ETO, 15 Mar 1943–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1 Jul 1965–29 Mar 1966. Missile operations, Apr 1966.

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Sources

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