

## 469 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

469 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 9 Jul 1942  
Activated, 15 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

469 Tactical Fighter Squadron constituted 469 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 10 Oct 1952  
Activated, 1 Dec 1952  
Inactivated, 8 Jan 1958  
Redesignated 469 Tactical Fighter Squadron and activated, 13 Apr 1962  
Organized, 8 Jul 1962  
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1972

469 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) and 469 Tactical Fighter Squadron consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated squadron redesignated 469 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron.

Redesignated 469 Flying Training Squadron, 25 Feb 2009  
Activated, 10 Apr 2009

#### STATIONS

Salt Lake City, UT, 15 Jul 1942  
Topeka, KS, c. 21 Aug 1942  
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 22 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944  
McGhee-Tyson Aprt, TN, 1 Dec 1952-8 Jan 1958  
George AFB, CA, 8 Jul 1962

Korat RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Nov 1965-31 Oct 1972  
Sheppard AFB, TX, 10 Apr 2009-

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

333 Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942-1 Apr 1944  
35 Air Division, 1 Dec 1952  
516 Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953  
355 Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-8 Jan 1958  
Tactical Air Command, 13 Apr 1962  
355 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1962  
6234 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Nov 1965  
388 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Apr 1966-31 Oct 1972  
80 Operations Group, 10 Apr 2009

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1942-1944  
F-47, 1952-1953  
F-86, 1953-1958  
F-105, 1962-1968  
F-4, 1968-1972  
T-38

### **COMMANDERS**

Cpt Charles E. Dewey, 23 Aug 1942  
Cpt Claire E. Ryan, 8 Sep 1942  
Cpt Charles E. Dewey, 6 Oct 1942  
Lt J. L. Smith Jr., c. Feb 1943  
Maj Paul E. Cool, 26 Mar 1943  
Maj Wilbur C. Allen Jr., 30 Jul-17 Nov 1943  
Unkn, 18 Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944  
LTC John L. Elder Jr., 1 Dec 1952  
LTC Walter E. Modesitt, 1954  
Maj Edward C. Heckman, unkn  
LTC Grant R. Smith, 1956  
LTC Joseph L. Zeller, 1956-unkn  
LTC Robert L. Rankin, unkn  
Unmanned, 8 Jul 1962-30 Jun 1963  
Unkn, 1 Jul-21 Oct 1963  
LTC Aaron J. Bowman, 22 Oct 1963  
Maj Robert M. Krone, by 31 May 1966  
LTC Gordon A. Larson, by 31 Mar 1967  
LTC Harry W. Schurr, 25 May 1967  
LTC William C. Decker, 11 Nov 1967  
LTC Victor R. Hollandsworth, 20 May 1968

LTC James H. Broussard, 27 Oct 1968  
LTC Edward Hillding, 18 Nov 1968  
LTC Homer R. Charlton Jr., 3 Nov 1969  
LTC Robert L. Reagan, 22 May 1970  
LTC Robert K. Simm, 21 Jul 1970  
LTC Robert L. Reagan, 2 Aug 1970  
LTC Vernon H. Sandrock, Oct 1970  
LTC Edward E. Nowogroski, 6 Jan 1971  
LTC Donald E. Jonker, 30 Jul 1971  
LTC Roger B. Myrhum, 29 Oct 1971  
LTC Edward M. McHale, 30 Jun-31 Oct 1972  
LTC Richard W. Griffin, 10 Apr 2009  
Lt Col Stefan Koehl (GAF), 15 Apr 2011  
Lt Col Filip Lindeman (RNLAf), 19 Apr 2013  
Lt Col Nathan A. Thompson, 12 Jun 2015  
Lt Col Jeremy S. Putman, 9 Jun 2017  
Lt Col Nathan Preuss, 3 July 2019

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam  
Vietnam Defensive  
Vietnam Air  
Vietnam Air Offensive  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III  
Vietnam Air/Ground  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV  
TET 69/Counteroffensive  
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969  
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969-1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Southwest Monsoon  
Commando Hunt V  
Commando Hunt VI  
Commando Hunt VII  
Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam)

9 Nov 1965-8 Apr 1966

10 Mar-1 May 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

29-30 Jun 1966

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1968-15 Sep 1969

10 Oct 1970-20 May 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1956-30 Jun 1957

1 July 2010-30 June 2012

1 July 2013-30 June 2015

1 July 2017-30 June 2019

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

8 Apr 1966-31 Oct 1972

## EMBLEM



469 Tactical Fighter Squadron emblem



469 Flying Training Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, a bezant surmounted by a pomme charged with a bull poised to attack Sable, fimbriated Argent, eyed Gules, nostrils flared, snorting

fire of the fourth, horned of the third, all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "469 FLYING TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The bull in his aggressive stance, prepared to fight, represents the aggressive warriors the unit produces to defend the nation. (Approved, 13 Apr 2009)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Replacement training for bombardment crews, 1942-1943.

Absorbed personnel, aircraft and equipment of several National Guard fighter-interceptor squadrons when they were relieved from active federal service, 1952.

Converted to F-86s in 1953 and was operationally ready by Jul 1953.

Utilized all major modifications of the F-86, including the "L" model. Participated in numerous actual and simulated exercises to test alert status and combat readiness until inactivation in 1958.

Activated again in 1962 as an F-105 tactical fighter squadron, but remained unmanned from Jul 1962 through Jun 1963.

Operational in Feb 1964, temporarily deployed overseas from Nov 1964 to Mar 1965, first to Yokota AB, Japan, to augment the 41 Air Division, and then to Kadena AB, Okinawa, in support of the 18 Tactical Fighter Wing.

Transferred in Nov 1965 to Thailand, where it prepared for combat fighter operations.

Remained in action in Southeast Asia from Nov 1965 until inactivated in Oct 1972, flying F-105s and, after 1968, it flew F-4s.

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