

## 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  
Gaudio 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

## EMBLEM



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

**MOTTO**

## 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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