

# 409 ATTACK SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

409 Squadron (Attack) constituted, 15 Oct 1921

Redesignated 409 Attack Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

409 Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Nov 1917

Redesignated 3 Spruce Squadron (Construction), Jul 1918

Demobilized, Feb 1919

Reconstituted, 30 Nov 1936

409 Attack Squadron and 3 Spruce Squadron (Construction) consolidated, 30 Nov 1936

Consolidated organization retained 409 Attack Squadron designation.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

## STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA

Erie, PA, 1921-1923

Washington, DC, 1923-1941

## ASSIGNMENTS

305 Attack Group

## COMMANDERS

Unknown, 15 Dec 1921

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Ralph W. Barnes, 21 Apr 1922

1<sup>st</sup> Lt William O. Jacob, Oct 1922

Unknown, Jan 1923

Capt Dennis Mulligan, 22 Sep 1925

Capt Merrill K. Riddick, 11 Feb 1926

Capt Luke Christopher, 9 Jul 1926

Unknown, Jul 1928

Capt Lawrence H. Richards, Jun 1930

Capt Eugene L. Vidal, 30 Dec 1930

Maj Bennett A. Molter, 1 Dec 1931

Chester A. Snow, Jr., 27 Dec 1932  
Maj Roy E. Whitehead, Jul 1934  
Unknown, Aug 1936  
Capt Joseph T. Shumate, Nov 1937  
Unknown, 13 Dec 1937-7 Dec 1941

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 409th Squadron (Attack), assigned to the 305th Attack Group (Fifth Army), and allotted to the Third Corps Area. Initiated on 15 December 1921 at Erie, PA. Relocated by April 1923 to Washington, DC. The squadron's equipment was stationed at Bolling Field, DC. Redesignated as the 409th Attack Squadron on 25 January 1923. Consolidated on 30 November 1936 with the 409th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in November 1917 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 3rd Spruce Squadron [Construction] in July 1918; demobilized in February 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 30 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Langley Field, VA.

Officers of the 409<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron began to arrive at Langley Field, VA for two weeks of annual training, 29 Jul. 34 officers assigned or attached to the squadron arrived at Langley for their two weeks of annual training. 30 Jul 1927.

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### Sources

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