

## 419<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL FIGHTER TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

419<sup>th</sup> Night Fighter Squadron constituted, 1 Apr 1943

Activated, 24 Apr 1943

Inactivated, 20 Feb 1947

Redesignated 419<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 18 Aug 1969

Activated, 15 Oct 1969

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1971

#### STATIONS

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Apr 1943

Kissimmee AAFld, FL, 22 Apr-15 Oct 1943

Guadalcanal, 15 Nov 1943 (one detachment operated from Bougainville, 25 Jan-27 May 1944

Nadzab, New Guinea, 26 Jun-25 Jul 1944, and Noemfoor, 26 Jul-27 Nov 1944; another from Los Negros, 27 Jun-18 Aug 1944)

Middelburg Island, 21 Aug 1944 (detachment operated from Morotai, 27 Nov 1944-16 Mar 1945)

Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 6 Mar 1945 (one detachment operated from Zamboanga, Mindanao, 18 Mar- 20 Jul 1945; another from Sanga Sanga, Sulu, 20 Jun-24 Jul 1945)

Clark Field, Luzon, 10 Jan 1946

Floridablanca, Luzon, 7 May 1946-20 Feb 1947

McConnell AFB, KS, 15 Oct 1969-1 Oct 1971

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, 1 Apr 1943

XIII Fighter Command, 15 Nov 1943

18<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 21 Nov 1943

XI11 Fighter Command, 25 Aug 1944

85<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 10 Jan 1946-20 Feb 1947  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing

### **ATTACHMENTS**

481<sup>st</sup> Night Fighter Operational Training Group, 17 Jul 1943

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-70, 1943-1944

P-38, 1943-1945

A-24, 1944

P-61, 1944-1946

F-105

### **COMMANDERS**

Cpt John J. McCloskey, 1 Apr 1943

Maj Ralph F. Jones, 23 Nov 1943

Cpt Emerson Y. Barker, 22 Dec 1943

Maj Ralph F. Jones, 17 Jan -Apr 1944

Cpt Emerson Y. Barker, 20 Feb 1944

Cpt Howard G. Daniel, 8 Apr 1944

Maj Emerson Y. Barker, 12 Apr 1944

Cpt Al Lukas, 13 Jun 1944

Maj Andrew J. Bing, 16 Jun 1944

Maj Joseph A. Shulmistras, 1 Jul 1944

Cpt Richard O. Stewart, 1 Feb 1945

LTC Norman M. Jacob, Apr-Nov 1945

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Guinea

Northern New Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Southern Philippines

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

None

## EMBLEM



419 Night Fighter Squadron

419<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron emblem: On a blue disc edged with a yellow border a yellow flight symbol bendwise detailed brown charged with a green clover palewise. Attached above the disc a blank blue scroll edged yellow. Attached below the disc a blue scroll edged yellow and inscribed "The World's Finest" The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron, and the Air Force colors. Ultramarine blue and golden yellow are used in the design. The color blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned duties. The flight symbol signifies that the unit is concerned with flight/aircraft. The trefoil is symbolic of the three-fold mission of the squadron: replacement training in the F-105; wing and division support (C-47 and T-39); and academics/school.

## MOTTO

THE WORLDS FINEST

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 10 Dec 1943-14 Aug 1945; not manned after 18 Aug 1946.

First P-61 received: May 3, 1944

First enemy aircraft destroyed by P-61 crew: Aug. 5, 1944

Squadron total enemy aircraft destroyed by P-61 crews: 5

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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