

## 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  
Gaudio 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 Bombardment Squadron 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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