

## 455<sup>th</sup> FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE<sup>1</sup>

455<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) Constituted, 19 Jun 1942  
Activated, 4 Aug 1942  
Inactivated, 12 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 455<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Light), 10 May 1949  
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 17 Mar 1951  
Redesignated 455<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 9 May 1955  
Activated, 8 Aug 1955  
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1957  
Redesignated 455<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Squadron and activated, 1 Apr 1973  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993  
Activated, 2010

#### STATIONS

Columbia AAB, South Carolina, 4 Aug 1942  
MacDill Field, Florida, 21 Aug 1942  
Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, South Carolina, 2 Nov 1942-25 Apr 1943  
Horham, England, 12 May 1943  
Earls Colne, England, 14 Jun 1943  
Beaulieu, England, 21 Jul 1944

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Lessay, France, 26 Aug 1944  
Chartres, France, 21 Sep 1944  
Leon/Athies, France, 13 Oct 1944  
Denain/Prouvy, France, 9 Feb 1945  
Gablingen, Germany, 8 May 1945  
Leipheim, Germany, 23 May 1945  
Clastres, France, Oct-Dec 1945  
Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, 11-12 Dec 1945  
Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 27 Jun 19-17 Mar 1951  
Eielson AFB, Alaska, 8 Aug 1955  
Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, 20 Nov 1955-1 Sep 1957  
Mather AFB, California  
Mather AFB, California, 1 Apr 1973 – 1 Oct 1993  
NAS Pensacola, Florida, 2010

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

323<sup>d</sup> Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1942-12 Dec 1945  
323<sup>d</sup> Bombardment Group, 27 Jun 1949-17 Mar 1951  
11<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 8 Aug 1955  
323<sup>d</sup> Fighter-Bomber Group, 22 Nov 1955-1 Sep 1957  
323<sup>d</sup> Flying Training Wing  
479<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Group, 2010

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-26, 1942-1945  
F-86, 1955-1956  
F-100, 1956-1957  
T-29, 1973-1975  
T-37, 1973-1993  
T-43, 1973-2010  
T-6A, 2010

### **COMMANDERS**

None (Not Manned), 4 Aug-10 Sep 1942  
Lt Col William W. Brier Iv, 11 Sep 1942  
Maj Grover C. Willcox Jr., Jan 1944  
Lt Col Albert W. Satterwhite, 29 Feb 1944  
Lt Col Jimmie W. Britt, 6 Dec 1944  
Maj Harold A. Kohnert, 17 Mar 1945-Unkn  
None (Not Manned), 13 Sep-12 Dec 1945  
Lt Col Marvin K. Mills, 27 Jun 1949  
Maj Denver R. Stufflebean, Sep 1950-1951  
Maj Robert B. Bell, 8 Aug 1955

Lt Col Lowell K. Brueland, Mar 1957<sup>2</sup>  
1 Lt Thomas A. Akin, Jul-1 Sep 1957  
Lt Col Russell D. Terpening, 1 Apr 1973  
Lt Col Donald R. Hollis, 21 Aug 1973  
Lt Col William A. Wittenberg, 20 Jun 1976  
Lt Col Albert A. Gagliardi, 16 Sep 1976  
Lt Col Martin E. Fricks, 9 Jun 1978  
Lt Col George P. Swanson, 26 Jun 1980  
Lt Col Richard L. Berdan, 23 Jan 1981  
Lt Col Paul E. Huber, 14 May 1982  
Lt Col Anthony F. Germann, 19 Jul 1982  
Lt Col Grady H. Hawkins, 6 Jun 1984  
Lt Col Jimmy H. Howard, 21 Jan 1986  
Lt Col Stafford W. Ouderkirk, 2 Oct 1987  
Lt Col Russell C. Lowmiller, 25 Aug 1989  
Lt Col Edward E. Romack, 28 Jun 1991  
Lt Col Jack R. Barnes, 18 Sep 1992-31 May 1993

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

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

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Belgium and Germany, 24-27 Dec 1944

## **EMBLEM**

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<sup>2</sup> Unit yearbook. *Bunker Hill AFB, IN, 323 Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1957*. Army and Navy Publishing Co. Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 1957.



455<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron emblem



455<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron emblem: On a shield black, an atomic symbol of three entwined white elliptical electronic rings and two red nuclei; piercing through the symbol a supersonic dart-shaped silhouetted white aircraft with red and white power, trailing off to the dexter side of the shield. (Approved, 7 Jan 1957)



455<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Squadron emblem

**MOTTO**

SUPERSONIC SECURITY

**OPERATION**

Combat in ETO, 16 Jul 1943-25 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, May-Sep 1945.





