

465 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

465 Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine constituted 5 Oct 1944

Activated, 12 Oct 1944

Inactivated, 24 May 1946

Redesignated 465 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 3 Feb 1953

Activated, 18 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Activated, 8 Oct 1955

Discontinued, 15 Mar 1960

Redesignated 465 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 4 May 1972

Activated in the Reserve, 20 May 1972

Redesignated 465 Fighter Squadron, 1 Feb 1992

Redesignated 465 Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 12 Oct 1944

Bruning AAFld, NE, 20 Oct 1944

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 15 Dec 1944-30 Apr 1945

Ie Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 24 Jun 1945

Yontan, Okinawa, 29 Jan-24 May 1946

McChord AFB, WA, 18 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

Griffiss AFB, NY, 8 Oct 1955

Laurence G. Hanscom Field, MA, 1 Jul 1959-15 Mar 1960

Tinker AFB, OK, 20 May 1972

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Cannon AFB, NM, Dec 1972-1973

ASSIGNMENTS

507 Fighter Group, 12 Oct 1944-24 May 1946

567 Air Defense Group, 18 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

4711 Air Defense Wing, 8 Oct 1955

32 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956

4727 Air Defense Group, 8 Feb 1957

Boston Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1959-15 Mar 1960

507 Fighter Group, 20 May 1972

301 Tactical Fighter Wing, 25 Mar 1973

507 Tactical Fighter (later, 507 Fighter) Group, 17 Oct 1975

507 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1944-1945

F-86, 1953-1955

F-89, May 1956

F-86, 1959-1960

F-105, 1972

F-4, 1980-1988

F-16, 1988-1994

KC-135, 1994

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 12-29 Oct 1944

Maj Jerome I Stevens, 30 Oct 1944

Maj Arthur T. Rice, 13 Nov 1944

Maj Robert F. Hemphill, 24 Sep 1945

Capt Gordon A. Reynolds, 18 Feb 1953

Lt Col William H. Holt, 9 Mar 1953

Maj Charles V. Garino, Jul 1954-Aug 1955

Maj John S. Wallace, 1955

Lt Col Harold F. Knowles, 1956

Maj Stephen D. Armstrong, 1957

Lt Col John A. Bell, Dec 1958

Lt Col Norman W. Campion, 1 Jul 1959

Maj Carl H. Brown, 1959-1960

Lt Col Carroll C. Ballard, Jun 1973

Maj James W. Parker, Dec 1974

Lt Col John J. Closner III, Dec 1975

Lt Col Ronald K. Williams, Dec 1978

Lt Col Jerry A. Wrucha, Jun 1981

Maj Mark Jensen, Jun 1983
Maj James P. Feighny, Feb 1986
Lt Col Bruce Brandt, 16 Mar 1987
Lt Col James P. Feighny, 1 Jun 1989
Lt Col Hugh H. Forsythe, 19 Dec 1989
Lt Col Jack Ekl, 1 Oct 1991
Lt Col Charles M. Sublett, 1 Apr 1994
Lt Col David A. Ortman, 16 Jul 1995
Lt Col James Jackson, 12 Jul 1997
Lt Col Michael F. Mahon 8 Aug 2005
Lt Col William H. Mason, 6 Sep 2008
Lt Col Thomas Hudnall, 10 Apr 2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Japan
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Korea, 13 Aug 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1978
1 Jul 1985-1 Jul 1986
1 Jul 1987-31 Aug 1989
1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993
1 Jan 1994-31 Jul 1995
1 Aug 1996-31 Jul 1998
1 Jan 2009-1 Aug 2010

EMBLEM



465 Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblem: On an irregular shaped Air Force yellow disc, with two red lightning bolts encircling the outer edge of the disc, a stylized black falcon with spread wings, and white beak and eye; the falcon surmounted by a third red lightning bolt in the position of a sinister bend, the bolt extending over the upper left [sinister] edge of the disc. The black falcon represents a bird of prey - A bird noted for powerful flight, activity, and courage, who soars and strikes swiftly. The red lightning bolts and the yellow background are indicative of flight in all weather conditions. (Approved, 22 Aug 1955)



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OPERATIONS

Combat in Western Pacific, 1 Jul 1945-14 Aug 1945.

Occupation duty in Okinawa, Jan-May 1946.

Air defense, 1953-1960.

The 465 FIS received their first Scorpions on 13 Feb 1956, with nine more arriving in April, and they had a total of fourteen by May. By the end of June they gained thirteen F-89Hs, becoming one of the first squadrons to receive the Falcon equipped aircraft. Also during this period Lt. Colonel Hal Knowles replaced Major Wallace under Project Blue Flame.

On 5 Sep 1958, 1LT Thomas Malone and R/O John Doughtry had to bail out of their Scorpion after their left engine exploded during a join-up with a formation of F-94s. The ejections were successful.

27 Nov 1958, another crew was not as successful. CPT Roy Schellhous and R/O 2LT John Hartzfeld were up on a practice interception mission against a B-47 when they disappeared from their AC&W controller's radar scope. The wreckage of their F-89 was found the following morning smashed directly into Panther Mountain. No reason for their loss could be determined.

Trained for fighter missions, 1972-1994.

Worldwide air refueling missions, 1994.

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