

# 468<sup>th</sup> ATTACK SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

468<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Attack) constituted, 15 Oct 1921  
Redesignated 468<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

56<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Aug 1917  
Redesignated 468<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction), Feb 1918  
Demobilized, Jul 1919  
Reconstituted, 3 Dec 1936

468<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron and 468<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) consolidated, 3 Dec 1936  
Consolidated organization retained 468<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron designation.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

### STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX  
Mitchel Field, NY  
Not initiated 1921-1922  
Municipal Airport, Chicago, IL, 1922-1941

### ASSIGNMENTS

319<sup>th</sup> Attack Group  
309<sup>th</sup> Attack Group, 1 Oct 1933

### COMMANDERS

Cpt Benjamin F. McAuley, 4 May 1922  
Unknown, Jul 1922  
1LT Owen S. Birdsall, Jun 1924  
Unknown, Jul 1924  
Maj Michael G. Harbula, 27 Feb 1936

Unknown, Sep 1939-7 Dec 1941

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 468th Squadron (Attack), assigned to the 319th Attack Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Initiated on 4 May 1922 at the Municipal Airport, Chicago, IL. Redesignated as the 468th Attack Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the 319th Attack Group (GHQR) on 1 October 1933 and assigned to the 309th Attack Group (GHQR). Consolidated on 3 December 1936 with the 468th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in August 1917 as the 56th Aero Squadron [Construction] at Kelly Field, TX; redesignated as the 468th Aero Squadron [Construction] in February 1918; demobilized in July 1919 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 3 December 1936). Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at the Municipal Airport in Chicago. Conducted summer training at Selfridge Field, MI, and some years at Scott Field, IL. Designated mobilization station was Chanute Field, IL.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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