

# **476<sup>th</sup> MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

## **STATIONS**

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Colonel Patrick Webb is commander of the 419th Maintenance Group

6. December 2000 - October 2001, commander, 917th Logistics Support Squadron

8. September 2002 - August 2004, commander, 315th Maintenance Operations Flight,

9. August 2004 - July 2006, commander, 926th Maintenance Squadron

12. February 2009 - June 2010, commander, 476th Maintenance Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

13. June 2010 - Sept 2011, commander, 94th Maintenance Group, Dobbins ARB, Ga.

14. September 2011 - present, commander, 419th Maintenance Group, Hill Air Force Base, Utah

Major - August 2000

Lieutenant Colonel - August 2005

Colonel - June 2010

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Total Force Integration has come to the “Flying Tigers” at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., with the stand-up of Air Force Reserve Command’s 476th Fighter Group, an A-10 Thunderbolt II unit. A goal of TFI is to blend regular Air Force and air reserve component Airmen, making them indistinguishable from one another in all aspects of their operations. Other TFI fighter unit efforts in the Air Force Reserve are under way at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Holloman AFB, N.M.; and Nellis AFB, Nev. Started in June 2007, as Det. 1, 442nd Fighter Wing, the 476th FG includes the 76th Fighter Squadron, 476th Maintenance Squadron and 476th Aerospace Medicine Flight. As part of an ongoing Air Force wide initiative to more efficiently carry out its mission, the group works under its own command structure but integrates its operations with the 23rd Wing’s 74th and 75th Fighter Squadrons and 23rd Maintenance Group. Col. Greg Eckfeld, who commanded the detachment, is the group’s commander. The group will eventually have about 230 Reservists assigned, including 20 in the 76th FS. About 160 will belong to the 476th MXS, and the 476th AMDF is slated to have 23 medical personnel. Most of the other Reservists will serve on the group staff. The flying operation has three pilots: Lt. Col. Mickey Moore, director of operations; Capt. LaRue Russell, director of training; and Capt. Brian Hatch, who has been a mission planning cell chief with the 303rd FS at Whiteman AFB, Mo. The pilots are being fully integrated into the base’s flying operations and will fly missions in the 23rd Wing’s A-10Cs with the regular Air Force pilots as well as other Air Force Reserve pilots. In June, Captain Russell became the first Air Force Reserve fighter pilot to fly an integrated sortie at Moody. “It was very enjoyable to fly the Cmodel A-10 again,” he said. “The biggest challenges were remembering the things I learned about flying the A-10C and knocking the rust off.” Colonel Moore, a pilot with more than 3,700 flying hours, said the A-10C is like the A-model but with its own challenges related to employing the weapons and using the new “toys” smartly. The unit will continue to train and build experience in the A-10C, Colonel Eckfeld said. 2008

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