

499th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, TACTICAL



MISSION

LINEAGE

499th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 3 Sep 1942
Activated, 8 Sep 1942
Inactivated, 19 Dec 1945
Redesignated 499th Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, 22 Mar 1954
Activated, 19 Jul 1954
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1959

STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 8 Sep 1942
Walterboro AAFld, SC, 6 Mar-16 Apr 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 5 Jun 1943
Dobodura, New Guinea, 15 Jan 1944
Nadzab, New Guinea, 18 Feb 1944
Biak, 24 Jul 1944
Dulag, Leyte (operated from Biak), 12 Nov 1944
Tacloban, Leyte, 27 Dec 1944
San Marcelino, Luzon, 12 Feb 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 12 May 1945
Ie Shima, 28 Jul-1 Dec 1945
Ft Lewis, WA, 17-19 Dec 1945
Langley AFB, VA, 19 Jul 1954-25 Jun 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

345th Bombardment Group, 8 Sep 1942-19 Dec 1945

345th Bombardment Group, 19 Jul 1954

345th Bombardment Wing, 8 Oct 1957-25 Jun 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-25, 1942-1945

B-25C

B-25D

B-26, 1954-1955

B-57, 1955-1959

COMMANDERS

Maj William O. Wilson, 21 Jul 1954

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

New Guinea

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Rabaul, New Britain, 2 Nov 1943

Admiralty Islands, 29 Feb 1944

Saigon, French Indo-China, 28 Apr 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM



A black caricatured bat, wings lined gray, yellow forelegs and horns, green eyes, red tongue and ears, white talons and fangs, with barbed tail, riding a light turquoise blue aerial bomb, falling to dexter base on background of flames of red and orange proper. (Approved, 22 Nov 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 24 Jun 1943-1 Sep 1945.

This unit from activation has never suffered a casualty and this most enviable record possibly could be accredited to the fact that the average pilot time is over 3000 hours and out of experience grow the wise. With the new B-57 in operation and the personnel checking out an increase in the tempo of activities can be felt. The combat seasoned personnel accept the transition with enthusiasm and the level eyes of their experience guide them. They are proud to be the "bat out of hell" squadron and will carry its insignia wherever ordered and pile additional laurels on top of the already long list accredited to the famed 499th.

Air Force Order of Battle

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