

## 474<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL FIGHTER WING



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

474<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing established, 25 Jun 1952

Activated, 10 Jul 1952

Inactivated, 8 Nov 1954

Activated, 8 Oct 1957

Redesignated 474<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1958

### STATIONS

Misawa AB, Japan, 10 Jul 1952

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952

Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953-8 Nov 1954

Cannon AFB, NM, 8 Oct 1957

Nellis AFB, NV, 20 Jan 1968

### ASSIGNMENTS

Tactical Air Command, 10 Jul 1952-8 Nov 1954

832<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 8 Oct 1957

USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, 20 Jan 1968

832<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 20 Mar 1968

Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1975

### ATTACHMENTS

Fifth Air Force, 10 Jul 1952-1 Apr 1953

58<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Apr 1953-8 Nov 1954

Seventh Air Force, ADVON, 27 Sep 1972-23 Mar 1973

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-84, 1952-1953

F-100, 1957-1965

F-111, 1968-1977

F-4, 1977

## **COMMANDERS**

Col William W. Ingenhutt, 10 Jul 1952

None (not manned), 1 Apr 1953-8 Nov 1954

Col Franklin H. Scott, 8 Oct 1957

Lt Col Jake L. Wilk, Jr., 15 Jul 1958

Col Thomas D. Robertson, 19 Jul 1958

Col William L. Curry, 8 Aug 1958

Col Gust Askounis, 30 Jul 1960

Col William L. Mitchell, Jr., 18 Aug 1960

Col Niven K. Cranfill, 6 Jun 1962

Col Francis E. Binnell, 21 Aug 1964

Col Paul P. Douglas, Jr., 3 Sep 1964

Lt Col Benjamin H. Clayton, 14 Jul 1965

Col Oscar L. Watson, 28 Aug 1965

1Lt Robert R. De Cocco, 15 Sep 1965 (additional duty)

Col Ivan H. Dethman, 1 Oct 1966

LTC Maurice A. Spenny, 9 Aug 1967-unkn (additional duty)

Col Chester L. Van Etten, 20 Jan 1968

Col Gelvin S. Nicely, 11 Jun 1968

Col Carmel M. Shook, 20 Jun 1968

Col Frederick C. Blesse, 5 Jun 1969

Col Herbert J. Gavin, 26 Jun 1970

Col Kenneth P. Miles, 22 Jun 1971

Col William R. Nelson, 1 Aug 1972

Col James N. McClelland, 25 Jul 1973

Col Thomas E. Wolters, 28 Feb 1975

Col Maurice E. Seaver, Jr., 24 May 1976

Col Reginald R. Davis, 5 Aug 1977

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Korea Summer-Fall, 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea Summer-Fall, 1953

Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device  
28 Sep 1972-22 Feb 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
9 Mar 1961-9 Mar 1962

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation  
10 Jul 1952-30 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
28 Sep 1972-22 Feb 1973

#### **EMBLEM**



A shield per bend azure and or, in bend a lightning bolt throughout bend wise gules, fimbriated or, between a sphere argent, grid lines sable, and a stylized jet tail pipe vert emitting eight fire blasts gules, the pipe charged with an annulet of the first, fimbriated or, a semee of stars of the fourth on the azure field. (Approved, 14 Nov 1958)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Activated in Japan and moved the same day to South Korea with tactical components to begin combat operations. Tactical components were detached on 1 Apr 1953, while the rest of the wing reduced to "paper" status, a condition which prevailed until the wing inactivated in

1954.

Activated in the United States in Oct 1957 and until mid-Sep 1964 maintained proficiency in tactical fighter operations, deploying components, aircraft, and crews on a global basis in support of NATO, PACAF, AAC, and other organizations.

Deployed three squadrons to southeastern United States during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Entire wing, except for a deployed squadron in Southeast Asia, reverted to "paper" status on 15 Sep 1965, the single detached squadron being reduced to "paper" status upon its return to the United States.

Wing gained sparse manning on 1 Oct 1966 in anticipation of conversion to F-111, and. 30 Jun 1967 again reverted to "paper" status. On 20 Jan 1968 the 474th TFW, 474th FMS, and the 428th TFS moved without personnel or equipment to Nellis AFB, Nev, and the 474th AEMS and 474th MMS inactivated. The units that moved to Nellis absorbed the resources of an inactivating wing. Gaining the 474th CSG, 474th Tactical Hospital, and 474th Supply Squadron, the 474th Wing became host unit for Nellis. There it acquired the F-111 equipped 4527th CCTS.

On 20 Jan 1968 the 428th TFS organized Detachment 1, which also received F-111 aircraft. This detachment deployed c. 18 Mar to 22 Nov 1968 to Southeast Asia. On 15 May 1968 the 429th TFS discontinued attachment to another wing and rejoined the 474th Wing without personnel or equipment. A former component, the 430th TFS, became part of the wing on 15 Sep 1968.

Tactical components of the wing received their initial F-111s between Nov 1968 and Mar 1969 and began training for proficiency in the new weapon system. The 4527th CCTS trained F-111 aircrews for the wing and for other USAF units until replaced in Oct 1969 by the 442d TSTS, which assumed the mission. The 4474th TTS, assigned 1 Dec to 15 Jun 1970, was sparsely manned and never equipped with F-111s.

Upon inactivation of the 474th CSG, 474th Tactical Hospital, and 474th Supply Squadron in Feb 1970, the 474th Wing became a tenant at Nellis AFB. Wing assumed an operationally ready status between 31 Jan and 8 Sep 1971, and from Sep 1971 initiated tactical exercises for the maintenance of tactical operational proficiency. Over 1,600 tactical and support personnel of the wing deployed on 27 Sep 1972 to Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, to participate in combat operations in Southeast Asia. A rear echelon of wing headquarters remained at Nellis to control units not deployed.

On 6 Aug 1975 the last F-111 and crews were transferred to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and the 474th Wing absorbed the F-4D, crews, and resources of the inactivating Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4474th. Trained combat-ready force of aircrews and maintained a rapid-reaction capability to execute fighter attacks against enemy forces and facilities in time of crisis, 1975.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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Unit yearbook. *Cannon AFB, NM. 1959.*