



HMLA-469
"VENGEANCE"

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM
(OEF) 12.1-12.2

DEPLOYMENT PATCH
APRIL 2012 TO NOVEMBER 2012
HELMAND PROVINCE,
AFGHANISTAN

THIS PATCH REPRESENTS NOT ONLY THE FIRST SQUADRON DEPLOYMENT, BUT THE FIRST COMBAT DEPLOYMENT FOR HMLA-469, AS REFLECTED BY THE "ROMAN NUMERAL ONE" ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HELMET. "RIGHTEOUS" IS THE COMBAT CALLSIGN FOR THE SQUADRON WHILE IN THEATER. THE "HELMET, SWORD, AND WINGS" REPRESENT THE SQUADRON SYMBOLS FROM OUR ORIGINAL PATCH (WINGED WARRIOR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT OR ACE). THE "S E" NOT ONLY REPRESENTS THE SQUADRON IDENTIFIER CODE WHICH IS PAINTED ON THE TAILS OF ALL OF OUR AIRCRAFT, BUT ALSO STANDS FOR "SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH," A DATE THAT SYMBOLIZES THE BEGINNING OF HMLA-469, THE EIGHTH AND FINAL HMLA SQUADRON IN THE MARINE CORPS. THE CENTER OF THE PATCH IS BLACK SIGNIFYING THE SQUADRON'S MOURNING FOR THE SEVEN FALLEN MARINES OF VENGEANCE 97/98, WHO ARE REPRESENTED BY SEVEN STARS THAT SIT AT THE PERCH OF THE PATCH AND WATCH OVER THE SQUADRON DURING THE DEPLOYMENT. FINALLY, THE SURROUNDING RED REFLECTS THE "VENGEANCE" THAT WE WILL EVOKE ON OUR ENEMIES.

THIS PATCH WAS FLOWN ON NOVEMBER 10TH, 2012 IN HONOR OF:

PKL MAINTENANCE TEAM

BY CAPTAIN JUSTIN JACKSON ABOARD A BELL AH-1W "SUPERCOBRA" ATTACK HELICOPTER OF HMLA-469, 3D MAW (FWD), I MEF (FWD), ON A COMBAT SORTIE FOR 3D BATTALION 8TH MARINES, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCES IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

CAPT "ACTION" JACKSON

LT COL "BEAST" LIGHTFOOT

COMMANDING OFFICER