

## 302 OPERATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

302 Bombardment Group (Heavy) established, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 1 Jun 1942  
Inactivated, 10 Apr 1944  
Redesignated 302 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 16 May 1949  
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 302 Troop Carrier Group, Heavy, 28 Jan 1950  
Ordered to active service, 1 Jun 1951  
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1951  
Redesignated 302 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 26 May 1952  
Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959  
Redesignated 302 Tactical Airlift Group, 31 Jul 1985  
Redesignated 302 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

### STATIONS

Geiger Fld, WA, 1 Jun 1942  
Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ, 1 Jun 1942  
Wendover Fld, UT, 30 Jul 1942  
Pueblo AAB, CO, 30 Sep 1942

Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ, 1 Dec 1942  
Clovis AAB, NM, 29 Jan 1943  
Langley Fld, VA, 17 Dec 1943  
Chatham AAFld, GA, 9 Mar-10 Apr 1944  
McChord AFB, WA, 27 Jun 1949-8 Jun 1951  
Clinton County AFB, OH, 14 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959  
Peterson AFB, CO, 1 Aug 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Second Air Force, 1 Jun 1942  
16 Bombardment (later, 16 Bombardment Operational) Training Wing, 1 Apr 1943  
46 Bombardment Operational Training Wing, 1 Sep 1943  
First Air Force, 17 Dec 1943-10 Apr 1944  
302 Troop Carrier Wing, 27 Jun 1949-8 Jun 1951  
302 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959  
302 Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-18, 1942  
C-78, 1942  
B-24, 1942-1943, 1943-1944  
C-82, 1949  
C-54, 1949-1950  
C-46, 1952-1957  
C-119, 1956-1959  
C-130, 1992

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Joseph J. Nazzaro, 1 Jun 1942  
Col Eugene H. Beebe, 12 Jul 1942  
LTC Joseph J. Nazzaro, 15 Sep 1942  
LTC William K. Martin, 1 Jan 1943  
Maj Horace S. Carswell, 15 Oct 1943  
LTC Thomas J. Gent Jr., 1 Nov 1943  
LTC Carlos J. Cochrane, 3 Jan-10 Apr 1944  
Unkn, 27 Jun 1949-8 Jun 1951  
Unkn, 14 Jun 1952-Apr 1958  
LTC J. J. McGill, by Apr 1958-14 Apr 1959  
Col Dennis W. Thompson, 1 Aug 1992  
Col Wesley Langland, 6 Mar 1999  
Col Karl A. Schmitkons, Oct 2004  
Col Kurt Jones, Mar 2009

### **HONORS**

## **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1998-31 Aug 1999

1 Jan 2001-31 Aug 2002

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

1 Sep 2006-2 Sep 2008

## **EMBLEM**



Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

During World War II, trained bombardment crews for combat duty.

Conducted airlift training as a reserve unit, Jun 1949-Jun 1951 and Jun 1952-Apr 1959.

From 1992, the group's personnel took part in tactical airlift training exercises and contingency and humanitarian airlift operations, both at home and abroad.

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