

454th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

454th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 26 May 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 13 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 1 Jan 1953
Redesignated 454th Bombardment Wing, Heavy and activated, 15 Nov 1962
Organized, 1 Feb 1963
Inactivated, 2 Jul 1969

STATIONS

Portland Intl Apt, OR, 13 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1953
Columbus AFB, MS, 1 Feb 1963-2 Jul 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Fourth Air Force, 13 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1953
Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962
4th Air Division, 1 Feb 1963
42nd Air Division, 1 Jul 1963-2 Jul 1969

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-46, 1952
B-52F, 1963-1966
B-52D, 1966-1969
B-52C, 1968-1969

KC-135, 1963-1965, 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1968-1969

COMMANDERS

Col Robert W. Sheets, 13 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1953
None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962-31 Jan 1963
Col One O. Schurter, 1 Feb 1963
Col Flavel P. Sabin, 28 May 1964
Col William T. Cumiskey, 10 Jun 1964
Col Samuel P. Jordan, 16 Nov 1965
Col William T. Cumiskey, 1 Apr 1966
Col William F. Seith, 10 Jun 1966
Col Edward O. Martin, 1 May 1967
Col William A. Adams, Jr., 27 Jun 1967
Col Edward O. Martin, 10 Dec 1967
Col John H. Archer, Jr., 28 Jun 1968
Col Frank L. Scurlock, 21 Dec 1968-2 Jul 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Dec 1965-1 Mar 1966
2 Mar-1 Apr 1966 and 1 Jul-31 Dec 1967
1 Jul-1 Dec 1968

EMBLEM

Quarterly, first and fourth quarters azure, on a bend sable, between two mullets or, a lightning flash point inward of the last, second quarter argent, issuant from sinister a mail gauntlet bendwise of the third, third quarter of the fourth, a pennant bend-wise gules flying from a pole of the second with a spearhead of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved, 19 Aug 1963)

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OPERATIONS

Replaced 922d Reserve Training Wing in Jun 1952. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing. Replaced by 403d Troop Carrier Wing on 1 Jan 1953.

Replaced 4228th Strategic Wing in Feb 1963. Conducted air refueling operations and trained in bombardment operations.

The wing's headquarters staff, tactical aircraft and crews, and maintenance personnel integrated into SAC combat forces in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, 16 Nov 1965-31 Mar 1966, 27 Jun-23 Dec 1967, and 28 Jun-20 Dec 1968.

Began phasing down for inactivation in May 1969 and ceased flying operations 2 days before inactivation.

Air Force Order of Battle

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