

740 MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

740 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted 14 May 1943
Activated, 1 Jun 1943
Redesignated 740 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 6 Mar 1944
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945
Redesignated 740 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 27 Dec 1946
Activated in the Reserve, 10 Jan 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 740 Fighter-Day Squadron, 7 May 1956
Activated, 25 Jul 1956
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957
Redesignated 740 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) and activated, 28 Jun 1962
Organized, 1 Nov 1962
Redesignated 740 Missile Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Jun 1943
Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943
Langley Field, VA, 5 Oct–13 Dec 1943
San Giovanni, Italy, 15 Jan 1944
Bari, Italy, Jul–9 Sep 1945
Hensley Field, TX, 10 Jan 1947–27 Jun 1949
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Nov 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

455 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943–9 Sep 1945
Tenth Air Force, 10 Jan 1947
455 Bombardment Group, 25 Mar 1947–27 Jun 1949
455 Fighter-Day Group, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957
Strategic Air Command, 28 Jun 1962
455 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Nov 1962
91 Strategic Missile Wing, 25 Jun 1968
4091 Operations Group, 1 Jul 1988
91 Strategic Missile Wing, 14 Feb 1991
91 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991
91 Missile Group, 1 Jul 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943–1945
B-29, 1947–1949
LGM-30 Minuteman I, 1963–1971
LGM-30 Minuteman III, 1968

COMMANDERS

Maj William E. Keefer, 1 Jun 1943
LTC Harp, 31 May 1944
Maj Francis C. Doring, Dec 1944
Cpt Irving Betke, unkn
Maj Herbert A. Meyer Jr.
Unkn, 1947-1949
Unkn, 25 Jul 1956-27 Feb 1957
Maj Jack H. Bond, 28 Feb-1 Jul 1957
LTC Joseph R. Klein, 1 Nov 1962
Col John A. Millin Jr., 24 Jun 1963
Col John F. Turnbull, 20 Jul 1966
Col Enoch E. Broyles, 28 Aug 1966
LTC William W. Short Jr., 12 Dec 1966
LTC Wallace E. Linn Jr., Apr 1968
LTC Glen L. Fornes, Nov 1969
LTC William P. Matson, Jul 1971
LTC Felix S. DeLorenzo, 1 Jun 1972
LTC Howard R. Tarleton, 2 Jul 1973
LTC Robert W. Reigel, 23 Jul 1974
LTC Reginald S. Goodwin Jr., 1 Aug 1975
Maj Larry G. Ellis, 1 Jul 1977
Maj Robert K. Thompson, 21 Mar 1979
LTC Marvin L. Odefey, 18 Jul 1979
LTC Thomas F. Koppe, 10 Nov 1981
LTC James C. Gast, 10 Nov 1983

LTC Howard R. Busch II, 3 Jan 1985
LTC Carl L. Critchlow, 27 Aug 1986
LTC Robert L. Demuth, 18 Aug 1987
Maj Lamberth W. Blalock Jr., 5 Nov 1987
LTC James R. Willis, 14 Aug 1989
LTC Jack E. Burns, 29 Jun 1991
LTC Patricia M. Fornes, 17 Jun 1993
LTC Darphaus L. Mitchell, 26 Jun 1994
LTC Dwight D. Rauhala, 9 Jul 1996
LTC Joseph T. Mertan Jr., 16 Jul 1998
LTC Gary W. Pond, 13 Aug 1998
LTC Peter N. Micale IV, 1 Aug 2000
LTC David J. Durgan, 20 Jul 2001
LTC Dana E. Struckman, 16 Apr 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Steyr, Austria, 2 Apr 1944

Austria, 26 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973
1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1978
1 Jul 1978–30 Jun 1980
1 Jul 1989–14 Feb 1991
1 Sep 1993–31 Aug 1995
1 Sep 1995–31 Aug 1997
1 Oct 1998–30 Sep 2000
1 Oct 2000–1 Oct 2001
1 Jan–31 Dec 2002

EMBLEM





On a Red disc a Light Red keystone in base shaded Black, supporting a Blue stylized missile fimbriated Yellow ascending palewise enfiling a Yellow orbit ring bendwise charged with three White stars and a Yellow orbit ring bendwise sinister charged with four White stars. (Approved, 16 Jul 1964)

MOTTO

CUSTODES PACIS—Custodians of the Peace.

NICKNAME

Vulgar Vultures

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 12 Feb 1944–25 Apr 1945. Not operational, 1956–1957. Missile alert operations, 1963–1991.

Air Force Order of Battle

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