

742 MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

742 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 May 1943
Activated, 1 Jun 1943
Redesignated 742 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 6 Mar 1944
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945
Redesignated 742 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 Aug 1947
Activated in the Reserve, 9 Sep 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 742 Fighter Day Squadron, 7 May 1956
Activated, 25 Jul 1956
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957
Redesignated 742 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) and activated, 18 Jul 1962
Organized, 1 Jan 1963
Redesignated 742 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 1944–9 Sep 1945
Hensley Field, TX, 9 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Jan 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

455 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943–9 Sep 1945
455 Bombardment Group, 9 Sep 1947–27 Jun 1949
455 Fighter Day Group, 25 Jul 1956–1 Jul 1957
Strategic Air Command, 18 Jul 1962
455 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Jan 1963
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–Present

COMMANDERS

LTC Edwin C. Ambrosen, 1 Jun 1943
Maj Lloyd M. Griffin Jr., 1 Dec 1944-unkn
CPT Emmett L. Haley, unkn-12 Jun 1945
CPT David Hall, 12 Jun 1945-unkn
Not manned, 1947-1949
Unkn, 25 Jul 1956-26 Feb 1957
CPT Joseph C. Lowry Jr., 26 Feb-9 Apr 1957
Maj Jack H. Bond, 9 Apr-1 Jul 1957
Col James L. Jacobson, 1 Jan 1963
LTC Walter G. Cannon, 8 Mar 1963
Col Clayton C. Hill, 24 Sep 1963
LTC Walter G. Cannon, c. Oct 1964-unkn
Col Jack T. Martin, 22 Aug 1966
LTC Mervyn T. Johns, Jan 1967-unkn
LTC Howard Clark, unkn-21 Aug 1966
Col Ralph E. Riggs, 21 Aug 1967
LTC Marsene E. Adkisson, Jul 1968
LTC Richard J. Noel, Nov 1969
LTC John A. Thurman, 1 Oct 1970
LTC Joseph G. Turner Jr., 1 Jan 1971
LTC Theodore T. Kukowski, 23 Aug 1973
LTC William F. Gavitt Jr., 23 Dec 1974
Maj Robert R. Gifford, 23 Mar 1975
LTC Thomas A. Gilkeson, 10 Jul 1975
LTC George S. Cudd, 8 Jul 1977
LTC Ronald J. Pasanen, 26 May 1978

LTC Rickell D. Knoll, 7 Sep 1979
LTC Walter Skrainy Jr., 17 Aug 1981
LTC Kent V. Radford, 1 Oct 1983
LTC Gary W. Emmons, 12 Jul 1985
LTC Charles R. Stearns, 12 Sep 1986
LTC David G. Faas, 31 Aug 1987
LTC James J. Bumgardner, 18 Aug 1989
LTC Michael J. Kemp, 11 Jul 1990
LTC Mark T. Smith, 9 Jul 1992
LTC Jeffrey A. Kwallek, 11 Jul 1994
LTC Lee M. Barnby, 19 Apr 1996
LTC Jeffrey N. Renehan, 13 Nov 1997
LTC Edwin T. Parks, 11 Jun 1999
LTC Scott E. Gilson, 13 Jul 2001
LTC Shawn J. Jansen, 24 Jun 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 1988–30 Jun 1990
1 Jul 1990–14 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





Issuing from the base of a Blue disc a White cloud formation detailed Air Force Blue, directly above, an Air Force Yellow key, above this arched from lower sinister to upper dexter a Green olive branch over a Red lightning bolt from upper sinister to lower dexter, vertical over all a White missile detailed Air Force Blue. (Approved, 4 May 1964)

MOTTO

CLAVIS PACIS—The Key to Peace.

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO during World War II. Not operational, 1956–1957. Missile alert operations, 1963–1991.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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Unit yearbook. Minot AFB, ND. Home of 810 Strategic Aerospace Division, 450 Bombardment Wing (H), 455 Strategic Missile Wing, 862 Combat Support Group, 862 Medical Group, 5 Fighter Interceptor Squadron. 1964.