

29 ATTACK SQUADRON



MISSION

Trained officers as pilots and enlisted personnel as sensor operators for flight operations of the MQ-9 Reaper.

LINEAGE

13 Observation Squadron (Medium) constituted, 5 Feb 1942
Activated, 10 Mar 1942
Redesignated 13 Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Redesignated 13 Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 1 Apr 1943
Redesignated 13 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Redesignated 29 Reconnaissance Squadron (Night Photographic), 25 Jan 1946
Inactivated, 29 Jul 1946
Redesignated 29 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (Photo-Jet), 14 Jan 1954
Activated, 18 Mar 1954
Redesignated 29 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Oct 1966
Inactivated, 24 Jan 1971
Redesignated 29 Attack Squadron 20 Oct 2009
Activated, 23 Oct 2009

STATIONS

Brooks Field, TX, 2 Mar 1942
Lawson Field, GA, 8 Mar 1942

DeRidder AAB, LA, 10 Apr 1942
Esler Field, LA, 13 Dec 1942
Desert Center Airdrome, CA, 28 Dec 1942
Morris Field, NC, 24 Sep 1943
Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, 5 Nov 1943
DeRidder AAB, LA, 19 Apr 1944
Stuttgart AAFld, AR, 7 Feb 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 8 Dec 1945-29 Jul 1946
Shaw AFB, SC, 18 Mar 1954-24 Jan 1971
Holloman AFB, NM, 23 Oct 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

74 Observation (later, Reconnaissance, Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Mar 1942
XIX Tactical Air Command, 7 Nov 1945
69 Reconnaissance Group, 25 Jan-29 Jul 1946
432 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Mar 1954
432 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Feb 1958
363 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18 May 1959
4403 Tactical Training Group (Recon), 1 Jul 1966
363 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 20 Jan 1968-24 Jan 1971
49 Operations Group, 23 Oct 2009

ATTACHMENTS

69 Reconnaissance Group, 7 Nov 1945
363 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Apr-17 May 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-52
L-4
P-39, 1943-1944
P-40, 1944-1945
P-51/F-6, 1945-1946
B-25, 1946
A-26, 1946
RF-80, 1955
RF-84, 1955-1958
RF-101, 1957-1971
MQ-9, 2009

COMMANDERS

None 2-9 Mar 1942
Lt George A. Key, 10 Mar 1942
None, 7-17 Apr 1942
Capt Ritchie P. Stimson, 18 Apr 1942

Unknown, 23 Oct 1942
Capt Ritchie P. Stimson, 17 Jun 1943
Capt William I. Williams, 24 Sep 1943
Maj Ritchie P. Stimson, Nov 1943
Capt William I. Williams, Dec 1943
Maj Ritchie P. Stimson, 6 Apr 1944
Capt Glenn E. Davis, 1 Jan 1945
Maj John Aitken Jr., 28 Feb 1945
Capt Charles E. Simpson, 25 May 1945
Maj Powell G. Potts, 28 May 1945
Capt Charles E. Simpson, 25 Jun 1945
Capt Maury K. Moore, 26 Jul 1945
Capt Edward F. Kelly III, 6 Aug 1945
Maj John Aitken Jr., 17 Sep 1945
Maj Merritt G. Garner, 20 Dec 1945
Lt Col Robert T. Simpson, 18 Jan 1946
Maj Merritt G. Garner, 1 Jul-29 Jul 1946
Capt Lloyd L. Dunlap Jr., 18 Mar 1954
Maj Dean D. Cox, 23 Mar 1954
Maj Donald F. DeCamp, 1 Aug 1954
Lt Col Harold F. Cline, 17 Aug 1954
Maj Cecil T. Bush, 2 Apr 1956
Lt Col Harold F. Cline, 5 Oct 1956
Maj Cecil T. Bush, Jul 1957
Lt Col Louis Benne, 8 Apr 1959
Lt Col Leonard Kaufmann Jr., 1 Mar 1960
Lt Col Arthur G. Durbeck, 2 Feb 1961
Maj Robert D. Ingalls, 13 Dec 1961
Lt Col Joe M. O'Grady, 22 Mar 1962
Lt Col Robert O. Crabtree, 22 Dec 1962
Maj Robert D. Johnson, 10 Jan 1964
Lt Col Raymond A. Lowery, 31 Nov 1964
Lt Col Delbert J. Light
Maj James B. Murphy, 1 May 1966
Lt Col Richard W. Rauch, 14 Sep 1966
Lt Col Colin J. Walker, 30 Apr 1967
Lt Col Alvar B. Wallin, 14 Jul 1967
Lt Col Thomas D. Alexander, 31 Aug 1969-24 Jan 1971
Lt Col James S. Merchant, 23 Oct 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
23 Oct-24 Nov 1962.

EMBLEM



13 Observation Squadron emblem



29 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron emblem: On a disc white, edged black, a Thunderbird, of Indian design, turquoise, marked with red, yellow, and white abstract symbols, his eye white, all outlines and detail black. (Approved, 12 Dec 1956)



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Upon activation, trained and supplied individual reconnaissance pilot replacements for overseas assignments until inactivation in 1946.

Trained and conducted reconnaissance operations to provide visual and photographic information on the location, movement and activities of friendly and enemy forces, flying various types of photo-reconnaissance aircraft, 1954-1971.

World-wide deployment capabilities were still being tested when, on Feb. 15, 1961, three WB-66 of the 9th TRS and eight RF-101 of the 29 TRS deployed in support of "Operation Long Pass." This exercise was conducted by units of the Strategic Army Corps and the Composite Air Strike Force at Clark AB, Stotsenberg Training Area, Philippines.

An MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft assigned to the 29 Attack Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M. becoming the second RPA mishap at the desert base since Oct. 22. The Reaper crashed on landing Wednesday evening after returning from a training mission. There were no injuries or property damage in the incident. 2010

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