

40th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

540th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942

Activated, 3 Nov 1942

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

40th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium constituted, 18 Jun 1952

Activated, 8 Jul 1952

Discontinued, 15 Mar 1963

540th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) and 40th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated organization designated 40th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium and remains inactive

STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 3 Nov 1942

Rapid City AAB, SD, 12 Nov 1942

Ainsworth AAFld, NB, 13 Dec 1942

Rapid City AAB, SD, 26 Apr 1943

Geiger Fld, WA, 20 Jun 1943

Peterson Fld, CO, 26 Oct 1943-1 Apr 1944

Smoky Hill (later, Schilling) AFB, KS, 8 Jul 1952-15 Mar 1963

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Thule AB, Greenland, 27 Jun 1956-4 Sep 1956

Greenham Common, England, 1 Jul 1957-1 Oct 1957

Thule AB, Greenland, 1 Oct 1958-9 Jan 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

383rd Bombardment Group, 3 Nov 1942-1 Apr 1944

40th Bomb Wing, 8 Jul 1952

310th Bomb (later, 310th Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 1 Jun 1960-15 Mar 1963

ATTACHMENTS

310th Bombardment Wing, 09 Sep 1952-30 Apr 1953

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17F, 1943

B-24, 1943-1944

KC-97F

KC-97G

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



40th Air Refueling Squadron emblem approved, 24 Apr 1956

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OPERATIONS

Served as an operational training unit, Jan-Oct 1943 and as a replacement Training unit, Oct 1943-Apr 1944.

40 Air Refueling Squadron was deployed between 3 and 9 Oct 58 on Operation Sand Paper 90 day rotational temporary duty to Thule Air Base, Greenland. 1958

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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