

41 EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Mar 1944

Activated, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 10 Jun 1946

Activated in the reserve, 12 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy activated

41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy and 41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated squadron designated 41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Inactivated, 15 Feb 1993

Redesignated 41 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Jun 2002. Unit remained inactive.

STATIONS

Dalhart AAF, TX, 1 Apr-10 May 1944

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Harvard AAFld, NE, 23 Aug 1944-7 Mar 1945

Northwest Field, Guam, 14 Apr 1945-10 Jun 1946

Long Beach Mun Aprt, CA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

Griffiss AFB, NY, 5 Jan 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr-10 May 1944

501 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944-10 Jun 1946

448 Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

4039 Strategic Wing, 5 Jan 1959

416 Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963

416 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

380 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992-15 Feb 1993

Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 12 Jun 2002

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-29, 1944-1946

KC-135 Apr 1959-1993

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 1 Apr-10 May 1944

None (Not Manned), 1 Jun-12 Jul 1944

Maj Robert H. Orr, 13 Jul 1944

Unkn, Mar-17 May 1946

None (Not Manned), 18 May-10 Jun 1946

Unkn, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

None (Not Manned), 5 Jan-12 Mar 1959

Maj Kenneth D. Webster, 12 Mar 1959

Lt Col Thomas S. Bohman, 1 May 1959

Maj Clayton P. Blake, 7 Sep 1960

Lt Col Burl B. Davenport, 21 Dec 1960

Lt Col John T. Sullivan, 18 Apr 1962

Lt Col Robert A. Maloney, 1 Jun 1963

Lt Col Vyrle W. Darnold, 10 Feb 1965

Lt Col William R. Wright, 1 Jul 1965

Lt Col Philip N. Currier, 24 Oct 1967

Lt Col Vito J. Fierro, 15 Feb 1968-3 Feb 1969

Unkn, 4-16 Feb 1969

Lt Col Robert D. Mccluskey, 17 Feb 1969

Lt Col Gordon G. Taft, 20 Nov 1970

Lt Col Russell K. Sprague, 10 Mar 1972

Maj Howard G. Holland, 16 Jun 1973

Lt Col Orville D. Ingalsbe, 16 Jul 1973

Lt Col Basil D. Gregorios, 1 Jul 1974

Lt Col Daniel D. Dailey, 30 Jun 1976

Lt Col William R. Gray, 30 Sep 1977

Lt Col Richard F. Vara, 23 Aug 1979

Lt Col James O. Palmer, 19 Mar 1981
Lt Col Jesse C. Caviness Jr., 14 Jul 1982
Lt Col Richard L. Smith, 12 Mar 1984
Lt Col Terry L. White, 24 Jun 1985
Lt Col John J. Ondrejko, 8 Aug 1986
Lt Col Robert G. Ford, 14 Aug 1987
Lt Col Charles M. Link, 26 Oct 1988
Lt Col Marc J. Neifert, 18 Jan 1990
Lt Col Michael D. Brashear, 21 Feb 1992
Lt Col Albert Madrigal Jr., 29 May 1992-Unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Japan, 6-13 Jul 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1976
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977
1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979
15 Sep 1981-31 Oct 1982
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

EMBLEM



41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy emblem: on a disc, orange in base, shaded up to sky blue, within an ultramarine blue border, a large, gray elephant with white tusks, running toward dexter, and holding aloft in the trunk a very large, red aerial bomb, in front of white, cirrus cloud formations, edged light turquoise blue, and marked red violet on under side, all leaving white vapor trails to rear. (Approved, 17 Apr 1945)

41 Air Refueling Squadron emblem approved, 14 Apr 1960

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Combat in Western Pacific, 16 Jun -14 Aug 1945. Worldwide air refueling missions in support of SAC and DOD requirements, 1959-1993, including support of aircraft movement to and from South Vietnam and refueling combat aircraft, Dec 1964-Dec 1975. Combat refueling operations in Southwest Asia, Jan-Feb 1991.

41 Air Refueling Squadron participated in 8 Air Force Reflex Action, Operation High Ball, and Operation Texas Star, 1960, 41 Operation Hot Rocket, 1961.

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Sources

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