

# 60<sup>th</sup> EXPEDITIONARY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

60<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, Weather Scouting constituted, 13 May 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 12 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 60<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, on 4 Jun 1952

Activated on 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated as 60 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955

Inactivated on 30 Apr 1990

Redesignated as 60 Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, and converted to provisional status, on 22 Jul 2010.

### STATIONS

Hamilton Field (later, Hamilton AFB), CA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 16 Jul 1952

Andersen AFB, Guam, 30 Jun 1971-30 Apr 1990

### ASSIGNMENTS

72 Reconnaissance Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

72 Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 72 Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952

43 Strategic (later, 43 Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jul 1971-30 Apr 1990

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 22 Jul 2010

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

Unkn, 1947-1949

RB-36, 1952-1955  
B-36, 1955-1958  
B-52, 1959-1971; 1972-1990  
B-52D  
B-52G

### **COMMANDERS**

Unkn, 1947-1949  
Cpt D. Rapovich, unkn  
LTC Harold R. Brown, Nov 1952  
LTC Bill H. Martin, 4 Oct 1954  
LTC Homer W. Lear, 5 Jan 1956  
Maj Melvin G. Cash, 15 May 1958  
LTC William J. Cook, 2 Jun 1958  
Cpt Robert G. Weiland, Jan 1959  
Maj Harold L. Upton, Apr 1959  
Maj Russell K. Weller, May 1959  
LTC Gerhard R. Abendhoff, Jul 1959  
LTC Merle M. Jones, 8 Aug 1959  
LTC D. J. Perry, 25 Sep 1961  
LTC Earl H. Winn, 18 Jul 1963  
LTC D. S. Henshaw, 15 Oct 1963  
LTC Ralph J. Evans, 4 Aug 1964  
LTC Earl H. Winn, 15 Jul 1965  
LTC L. A. Darner, 1 Aug 1966  
Maj P. G. Fleming Jr., 24 Mar 1967  
LTC P. F. Fleming, 7 Jun 1967  
LTC W. H. Bartlett, 15 Jul 1968  
LTC J. L. McDonald, 19 May 1969  
LTC C. Schmidt, 17 Mar 1970  
LTC C. H. Aslin, 12 Nov 1970  
LTC Carl E. Holton, 1 Jul 1971  
LTC Charles G. Maynard, 11 Oct 1972  
LTC Douglas B. Brittain, 5 Jan 1973  
LTC David L. Wyse, by 31 Dec 1974  
LTC Charles C. Carpenter, 23 Jan 1976  
LTC James R. Nerger, 1 Aug 1977  
LTC Jessie J. Waldon Jr., 1 Sep 1978  
LTC Thomas A. Keaney, 3 May 1980  
LTC James J. Pizzorno, c. 8 Aug 1981  
LTC John Wiley III, 11 Jun 1982  
LTC Thomas J. Keck, 5 Aug 1983  
LTC Douglas N. Hime, 5 Feb 1985  
LTC William E. Evans, c. 21 Oct 1986

LTC David R. Honeywell, 24 Nov 1986  
LTC Gregory D. Coffey, 13 Nov 1989-30 Sep 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam  
Commando Hunt VII  
Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device  
29 Jan-15 Nov 1973

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Oct 1957-1 Jun 1958  
1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969  
1 May 1975-30 Apr 1977  
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1985  
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1986

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
30 Jun 1971-28 Jan 1973

### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 7 Aug 1962

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Served as Reserve unit, 1947-1949.

Flew photographic reconnaissance missions, Dec 1952; continued as a reconnaissance unit until 1954 when mission became heavy bombardment.

Transitioned to B-52s, Nov 1958-Nov 1959.

Flew combat operations in Southeast Asia (SEA), Feb 1972-Aug 1973.

Remained on alert status after the Vietnam War.

Trained to maintain operational capability in B-52 aircraft, 1975-1990.

Assigned with effect from 1/7/71 but remained in non operational status until ca 3/72, when assumed responsibility for B-52D operations from parent 43 SW. Used B-52D until 1983, when converted to B-52G, which it retained until 1990, being inactivated on 30/4/90.

The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing recently inactivated its detached MQ-1 Predator launch and recovery squadron at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. The 60th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron logged some 24,000 combat flying hours in support of three regional combatant commands, and was credited with killing 69 enemy combatants, including five high-value targets, since November 2014. The 60th ERS was responsible for all MQ-1 operations from the African continent. The unit operated MQ-1s from Chabelley Airport several miles west of Camp Lemonnier, after the Pentagon moved RPA operations there to avoid commercial air traffic. The Air Force is phasing out the MQ-1 in favor of the more capable MQ-9 Reaper, which operates from Chabelley and Arba Minch Airport, Ethiopia, in east Africa, as well as other forward operating locations in support of US, allied, and partner operations. The unit inactivated in an Oct. 7 ceremony, according to officials.2015

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