

# 61<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

61<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, Weather Scouting constituted

Activated, 26 Mar 1947

Redesignated 61<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, 11 Nov 1948

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 61<sup>st</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, 14 Jan 1955

Activated, 24 Jan 1955

Redesignated 61<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 25 Jan 1961

Inactivated, 25 Jun 1962

### STATIONS

Hill AFB, UT, 26 Apr 1947–27 Jun 1949

Little Rock AFB, AR, 24 Jan 1955–25 Jun 1962

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force, 26 Mar 1947

70<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Group, 1 Oct 1947–27 Jun 1949

70<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (later 70<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing), 24 Jan 1955–25 Jun 1962

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

RB-47, 1955–1961

B-47, 1961–1962

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Activated as an RB-47 squadron flying strategic reconnaissance missions to meet SAC's global reconnaissance commitments from October 1955–1962, but on a reduced scale after February 1958 when events showed the vulnerability of the RB-47 and the development of the U-2. Converted to standard B-47 in late 1961 but inactivated in 1962 prior to becoming combat ready.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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### Sources

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