

92 AIR REFUELING WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

92 Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy established and organized, 17 Nov 1947
Redesignated 92 Bombardment Wing, Medium, 12 Jul 1948
Redesignated 92 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 16 Jun 1951
Redesignated 92 Strategic Aerospace Wing, 15 Feb 1962
Redesignated 92 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 31 Mar 1972
Redesignated 92 Wing, 1 Sep 1991
Redesignated 92 Bomb Wing, 1 Jun 1992
Redesignated 92 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jul 1994

STATIONS

Spokane AAFld (later, Spokane AFB; Fairchild AFB), WA, 17 Nov 1947

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 16 Oct 1954-12 Jan 1955
Andersen AFB, Guam, 26 Apr 1956-5 Jul 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947
57 Air Division, 16 Apr 1951
Fifteenth Air Force, 4 Sep 1956
18 Air (later, 18 Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1959
14 Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968
4 Strategic Aerospace Division, 31 Mar 1970

47 Air Division, 30 Jun 1971
57 Air Division, 23 Jan 1987
Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jun 1988
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992
Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1994
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 2003

ATTACHMENTS

3 Air Division, 16 Oct 1954-12 Jan 1955 and 26 Apr-6 Jul 1956
14 Strategic Aerospace Division, 15 Jun- 1 Jul 1968

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-29, 1947-1950, 1950-1952
B-36, 1951-1957
KB-29, 1957
B-52D, 1957-1971
B-52C, 1967-1971
B-52G, 1970
KC-135Q
KC-135R
KC-135T
Atlas, 1961-1965
T-37, 1991-1994
UH-1, 1993

COMMANDERS

Col Albert J. Shower, 17 Nov 1947
Col James E. Briggs, 12 Apr 1948
Lt Col James E. Johnson, 18 Aug 1948
Brig Gen James E. Briggs, 17 Sep 1948
Col Clifford H. Rees, 17 Mar 1949
Col Kermit D. Stevens, 26 Jul 1950
Col Conrad F. Necrason, 29 Aug 1950
Col Clifford H. Rees, 26 Sep 1950
Col Conrad F. Necrason, 30 Oct 1950
Col Clifford H. Rees, 1 Nov 1950
Col Conrad F. Necrason, 6 Jan 1951
Col Claude E. Putnam, Jr., 14 Apr 1951
Col McLyle G. Zumwalt, Jun 1951
Col Kenneth B. Hobson, 19 Jun 1951
Col Edgar S. Davis, 23 Jan 1952
Col David Wade, 9 Feb 1952
Col Jack J. Catton, 1 Nov 1952
Brig Gen James V. Edmundson, 18 Nov 1952

Col Jack J. Catton, 20 Mar 1954
Col Roland A. Campbell, 7 Jul 1955
Col Robert B. Hurley, Aug 1956
Col Clarence A. Neely, 8 Aug 1956
Col Robert B. Hurley, 22 Oct 1956
Col Clarence A. Neely, 25 Jan 1957
Col Edward A. Perry, 12 Dec 1957
Col Donald E. Hillman, 20 Jan 1958
Col Lester F. Miller, 30 May 1959
Col Reuben A. Baxter, 6 Jun 1962
Col Daniel V. MacDonald, 11 Jul 1962
Col Reuben A. Baxter, 26 Jul 1962
Col David I. Liebman, 6 Aug 1962
Col Edison F. Arnold, 15 May 1964
Col Alex W. Talmant, 15 Mar 1965
Col Woodrow A. Abbott, May 1967
Col Robert H. Gaughan, 17 Jan 1968
Col Robert L. Cooch, 22 Mar 1968
Col Robert H. Gaughan, 23 Sep 1968
Col Robert L. Cooch, 15 Mar 1969
Col Frank W. Elliott, Jr., 14 Sep 1969
Col Richard F. Heller, Jr., 23 Jan 1970
Col Clyde R. Denniston, Jr., 15 Jan 1971
Col Donald L. Keplinger, 18 Jun 1971
Col Martin C. Fulcher, 9 Apr 1973
Col Louis C. Buckman, 1 Feb 1974
Col John R. Stewart, Jr., 29 May 1975
Col Philip A. Brennan, 7 Apr 1976
Col Alan H. Lancaster, 13 Jun 1977
Col John A. Shaud, 19 Jun 1978
Col David R. Moore, 16 Jun 1980
Col Charles A. May, 30 Jul 1981
Col John R. Allen, Jr., 3 Aug 1982
Col James W. Meier, 29 Aug 1984
Col Thomas J. Harris, 30 Dec 1986
Col Arnold L. Weinman, 13 Feb 1989
Col Michael G. Ruotsala, 25 Jul 1991
Brig Gen James M. Richards III, 6 Aug 1992
Col William C. Brooks, 30 Aug 1993
Brig Gary A. Voellger, 1 Jul 1994
Brig Gen Arthur J. Lichte, 4 Aug 1995
Brig Gen Paul W. Essex, 12 Nov 1996
Col Timothy C. Jones, 20 Nov 1998
Col Erwin F. Lessel III, 4 Feb 2000

Col Randal D. Fullhart, 19 Oct 2001
Col Anthony M. Mauer, 12 Aug 2003
Col Scott M. Hanson, 7 Jul 2005
Col Ryan Samuelson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
22 Aug-11 Sep 1953
3 Mar-6 Oct 1959
1 Jan 1961-31 Mar 1962
1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968
1 Jul-1 Oct 1968
1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993
1 Jan 1998-30 Jun 1999
[14 Apr]-10 Jun 1999
1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003
1 Aug 2011-31 Aug 2012

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 92 Operations Group prior to 17 Nov 1947

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 11 Jan 1944
Merseberg, Germany, 11 Sep 1944

EMBLEM



Per bend of the sky proper and sable, in chief between two clouds argent an olive branch vert conjoined in base with a lightning flash gules fimbriated of the third bend sinisterwise throughout, overall issuant from base an armored hand fesswise grasping a two-edged broadsword bendwise throughout of the first, the hilt alternately or and azure. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Our emblem depicts the 32d Bombardment Wing in the role of a weapon of the Strategic Air Command. The two-edged broadsword, which portrays the Wing, shows the "two-edged" capability of such a heavy bomber wing to maintain the calm, serene skies of peace (shown by a light blue sky with white clouds and the green olive branch of peace) and its devastating deterrent capability to restrain the emptiness and bloodshed of war (shown by a black, empty void pierced by the blood-red lightning bolt of war). This sword has a hilt of AF blue and golden yellow, and the blade is half white, half gray, the colors of the heavy bombers. (Approved, 21 Nov 1957)

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OPERATIONS

Served as a double-sized B-29 wing, Nov 1947-Apr 1950, and May 1950-Apr 1951, although one bomb group was generally deployed overseas for training or combat in Korea. Supervised a Reserve corollary bomb group, Jun 1949-Feb 1951.

Shortage of pylons for GAM-77A Hound Dog missiles contributed to low in commission rate for the missiles. 1963

B-52 systems maintenance problems were increasing in landing gear, engine, electrical,

navigation aids, automatic pilot and bombing navigation. 1963

Maintenance problems for KC-135 systems were increasing in flight controls, engines, electrical systems, ultra high frequency system, APN-59 system and automatic pilot systems. 1963

Supported SAC activities in Southeast Asia from early 1965 to Dec 1975 through deployment of bomber and tanker aircraft and crews. From Mar-Sep 1968, Mar-Sep 1969, and Jun 1972-Oct 1973, all wing B-52s and many KC-135s, plus aircrews and support personnel, were involved in Southeast Asia operations.

After 1975, performed joint USAF/Navy sea reconnaissance and surveillance missions. In 1983, the Wing's B-52Gs were modified to carry AGM-86B Air-Launched Cruise Missiles. In 1985, upgraded to B-52H with improved strategic weapons carriage and offensive electronics capabilities.

Provided KC-135 to tanker task forces in the US, Europe, and the Pacific through 1992. Ended B-52 alert duties in Sep 1992, and ended bombardment mission in 1994. Operational squadrons routinely augmented AMC's overseas tanker task forces in Panama, Europe, Turkey, and Southwest Asia to support contingency operations. Deployed personnel and aircraft to expeditionary bases in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Spain to support Operation ALLIED FORCE in 1999.

The new headquarters building at Fairchild AFB, Wash., is expected to be open for business this Spring. Officials cut the ribbon on the \$12 million building on March 20. It replaces the 71-year-old headquarters building, known as the "White House," in which a total of 10 units, ranging from major commands, bomb wings, to the current air refueling wing, as well as subordinate and tenant units, have served. 2014

USAF Unit Histories

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