

320 MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

320 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 15 Apr 1942
Redesignated 320 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 6 March 1944
Inactivated, 27 Jan 1946
Redesignated 320 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 11 Jun 1947
Activated, 1 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 6 Sep 1948
Redesignated 320 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 20 Dec 1950
Activated, 2 Jan 1951
Redesignated 320 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, 16 Jun 1952
Discontinued, 20 Jun 1960
Redesignated 320 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), 30 Jul 1963
Organized, 8 Jan 1964
Redesignated 320 Missile Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942
Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942
Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942
Ypsilanti, MI, 9–23 Aug 1942
Kipapa, TH, 12 Sep 1942
Iron Range, Australia, 4 Nov 1942
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 Feb 1943

Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944
Biak, 10 Aug 1944
San Jose, Mindoro, 27 Jan 1945
Ie Shima, 10 Aug 1945
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946
Andrews Field (later AFB), MD, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948
Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951
Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960
Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 8 Jan 1964

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Eielson AFB, AK, 17 May 1955-31 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

90 Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946
90 Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948
90 Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951
90 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960
Strategic Air Command, 30 Jul 1963
90 Strategic Missile Wing, 8 Jan 1964
90 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

ATTACHMENTS

90 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1942–1945
B/RB-29, 1951–1954
RB-47, 1954–1960
Minuteman I, 1964–1974
Minuteman III, 1974

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 15 Apr 1942-16 May 1942
Maj Thomas E. Margrave, 17 May 1942
1Lt Roy L. Taylor, 2 Jul 1942
Maj Thomas E. Margrave, 10 Jul 1942
2 Lt Robert N. McWilliams Jr., 11 Aug 1942
Maj Francis F. Seeburger, 17 Sep 1942
Maj Raymond S. Morse, 19 Oct 1942
Maj Roy L. Taylor, 16 Nov 1942
Maj Charles P. Whitlock, May 1943
Maj Paul W. Gottke, Nov 1943

Maj John W. Kline, 25 Mar 1944
Maj Leland I. Harter, Aug 1944
Maj Thomas P. Hennessey, Jan 1945
Capt O. A. Bradford, May 1945
Capt Britton A. Storey, May 1945-unkn
None (not manned), 1 Jul 1947-6 Sep 1948
Maj Louis G. Gloor, 1951
Lt Col Edsel L. Lyon, 13 Apr 1951
Lt Col Edward P. Clark, 16 Oct 1951
Maj Edward W. Lethers, Jul 1952
Lt Col Edward W. Jacquet, 16 Aug 1952
Maj Robert P. Stewart, 1 Feb 1953
Lt Col Edward Smith, 7 Dec 1953
Lt Col Vincent M. Crane, Mar 1954
Maj Earl F. McKenney, 1 Dec 1955
Lt Col William Markley Jr., May 1957
Maj William D. Steelman, May 1958
Maj Earl E. Myers, Feb 1959
Maj Harold Thompson, 5 Aug 1959- Jun 1960
Col Henry V. Myers, 8 Jan 1964
Lt Col James E. Rogers, 1 Mar 1968
Lt Col Ralph L. Jones, 30 Jun 1968
Lt Col Frederick A. Langille, 2 Aug 1968
Lt Col Hiram G. Turner, 4 Nov 1970
Maj James D. Green, 9 Feb 1973
Lt Col Don L. F. Bice, 16 Jul 1973
Lt Col Sabato J. Melone, 2 Jun 1974
Lt Col James P. Henry, 2 Dec 1974
Lt Col Thomas L. Logan, 18 May 1976
Lt Col Bruce M. Westbrook, 15 May 1978
Lt Col Raymond M. Urbanski, 7 Mar 1980
Lt Col Thomas E. McMullen, 7 Mar 1981
Lt Col James MacCracken, 19 May 1982
Lt Col Ronald D. Huff, 29 Jun 1983
Lt Col Dennis J. Murphy, 29 Jun 1984
Lt Col Richard A. Lien, 15 Mar 1986
Maj Elwood Tircuit, 15 Jun 1987 (temporary)
Lt Col Charles S. Pugsley III, 27 Aug 1987
Lt Col Robert L. Hill, 27 Jun 1989
Lt Col Philip G. Benjamin; 18 May 1990
Lt Col Kenneth A. Cinal, 9 Jul 1992
Lt Col Mark S. Spacher, 16 Aug 1993
Lt Col John S. Graham, 11 Oct 1994
Lt Col Thomas R. Whitten, 6 Jun 1996

Lt Col Bruce H. Acker, 28 Aug 1997
Lt Col Michael J. Carey, 23 Jun 1998
Lt Col Edward A. Fienga, 21 Jul 2000
Lt Col Bruce E. Hollywood, 12 Apr 2001
Lt Col Michael B. Morgan, 3 Sep 2003
Lt Col Jeffrey J. Smith, 7 Jul 2005
Lt Col Bryan Haderlie, 17 Jun 2007
Lt Col Eric D. Brown, 26 Jun 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Japan
China Defensive
Papua
Guadalcanal
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Papua, [16 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943
New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969
1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975
1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984
1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989
1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM



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320 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron

320 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) emblem: On a blue disc within a narrow gold border a brown American Indian wearing a war bonnet of eight white and black feathers, red boots, sash and wrist band, grasping a black lance sinister bendwise that surmounts a gold silhouetted missile, riding a bucking white horse (mane, tail and hoofs black) all detailed black and above a white cloud issuant in base and between eleven white stars four in dexter (two in chief larger) and seven in sinister. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. Against a blue background depicting the sky, the Plains Indian represents the unit's swiftness and courage with the spear and the missile representing the advance of airborne weapons. The star-studded sky alludes to SAC, the squadron's major air command, and also refers to the unit's two DUCs and Campaign Participation Credits of World War II. Emblem also includes the national colors, red, white, and blue. (Approved, 17 May 1965; replaced emblem approved, 22 Mar 1954)

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OPERATIONS

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 16 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945.

Apparently not manned, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948.

Operational training, 1 Jun 1951–Sep 1952; replacement training, 1 Jun 1951–1 Sep 1953; SHORAN training, 10 Nov 1952–30 Nov 1953; RB-47 crew training, 1 Jan 1959–20 Jun 1960. Strategic missile operations, 1964.

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Sources

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