

350th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

350th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 1 Jun 1942
Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1945
Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 9 Jul 1947
Activated in the Reserve, 16 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 350th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 1 Aug 1955
Activated, 1 Jan 1956
Redesignated 350th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 25 Jun 1966
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1976
Redesignated 350th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Jan 1982
Activated, 28 Jan 1982
Redesignated 350th Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942
Barksdale Field, LA, 18 Jun 1942
Pendleton Field, OR, 26 Jun 1942
Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942
Walla Walla, WA, 31 Oct 1942
Wendover Field, UT, 30 Nov 1942
Sioux City AAB, IA, 6 Jan 1943
Kearney AAFld, NE, 4 Feb–1 May 1943
Thorpe Abbots, England, 2 Jun 1943–9 Dec 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14–15 Dec 1945
Columbia AAB, SC, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949
Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Jan
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 25 Jun 1966–1 Jul 1976
Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jan 1982
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jul 1994

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Brize Norton RAF Stn, England, 4 Jan–4 Mar 1958,
Torrejon AB, Spain, 4 Mar–4 Apr 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

100th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942–15 Dec 1945
100th Bombardment Group, 16 Jul 1947–27 Jun 1949
100th Bombardment (later, 100th Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 1 Jan 1956–1 Jul 1976
100th Air Refueling Wing, 28 Jan 1982
9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Mar 1983
9th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991
43rd Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993
22nd Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

ATTACHMENTS

Sixteenth Air Force, 4 Mar–4 Apr 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B–17, 1942–1945
AT–6
AT–7
AT–11, 1947–1949
B–47, 1956–1966
DC–130, 1966–1976
CH–3, 1966–1976
AQM–34 (drone), 1966–1976
KC–135, 1982

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Jun–26 Oct 1942
Maj Gale W. Clevon, 27 Oct 1942
Maj Albert M. Elton, 9 Oct 1943
Cpt Jack R. Swartout, 24 Apr 1944
Maj Maurice J. Fitzgerald, 12 May 1944
Maj Robert Rosenthal, 25 May 1944
Maj Maurice F. Young, 13 Sep 1944
LTC David K. Lyster Jr., 22 Oct 1944

Maj Charles E. Robbs, 1 Jun 1945
Cpt Don C. Liljenquist, 10 Sep 1945
Maj Charles E. Robb, 30 Sep 1945
Unkn, 16 Jul 1947-unkn
LTC J. M. Coulter, by Apr 1948
Cpt Russell P. Bement, 1 Jan 1956
1Lt Paul B. Nelson, 12 Jan 1956
LTC Anthony D. Lucas, Feb 1956
LTC John Cafarelli, 18 Apr 1956
LTC Hubert A. Brandon, 1 Jun 1957
LTC Robert C. Brown, 14 Jul 1958
Maj Douglas H. Frost, 1 Mar 1959
LTC John E. Molchan, 20 Jan 1961
LTC William D. Brooks Jr., 7 May 1964
LTC Roderic D. Thompson, 10 Feb 1965
Maj Thomas R. Hoskins, 8 Jan 1966
Col Charles D. Rafferty, 25 Jun 1966
Col D. P. Kirkpatrick, May 1967
Col Harvey B. Logan, by 1 Jun 1967
Col George M. Nakis, 1 Dec 1967
Col William F. Cochran, Nov 1968
LTC Robert T. Mersereau, 10 May 1969
Col Joe L. Church, 1 Jul 1971
Col Jesse C. Bounds Jr., 27 Apr 1972
LTC Garland G. Gee, 15 Dec 1972
LTC Seabrook W. Woodward Jr., 1 Jun 1973
LTC Louis T. Miller, 28 Jun 1974
LTC Richard J. Sherrier, 25 Sep 1974
LTC Thomas H. Ansberry, 1 Jun 1975-1 Jul 1976
LTC Charles P. Rushforth III, 28 Jan 1982
LTC James L. Holmes Jr., 6 Aug 1982
LTC William P. Cobb, 24 Feb 1984
LTC George R. Hindmarsh, 21 Jun 1985
LTC Gary K. Gernhardt, 13 Dec 1985
Maj Howard C. Wilson, 5 Jan 1988
LTC Patrick J. Collson, 16 Feb 1988
LTC James M. Brooks, 15 Jun 1990
LTC Verne M. Findley II, 11 Jul 1992
LTC Karen Daneu, 30 Jun 1994
LTC Dennis M. Kaan, 17 Jul 1995
LTC D. R. Kenerley, 1 Jul 1996
LTC Jon D. VanGuilder, 12 Feb 1998
LTC Gregg Frank, 11 Jun 1999
LTC Lawrence M. Martin, 2 Aug 2000

LTC John E. Michel, 4 Apr 2002

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 17 Aug 1943

Berlin, Germany, 4, 6, 8 Mar 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jul 1972–30 Jun 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1989–30 Jun 1990

1 Sep 1991–30 Jun 1993

1 Jul–1 Oct 1993

1 Jun 1994–31 May 1996

1 Aug 1999–31 Jul 2000

1 Aug 2000–31 Jul 2001

1 Aug 2002–31 Jul 2004

1 Aug 2004–31 Jul 2005

1 Aug 2005-31 Jul 2006
1 Aug 2011-31 Jul 2012

French Croix de Guerre with Palm
25 Jun–31 Dec 1944

EMBLEM



350th Bombardment Squadron emblems



350th Air Refueling Squadron emblem

On an Air Force Blue disc, a pattern of six White stars in bend; over all a Red falcon in flight, outlines and details White, shadows Air Force Blue, bearing in its beak a long trailing Green olive spray; radiating from the falcon's talons to base, three Air Force Golden Yellow lightning flashes; all within a White border, edged Blue. (Approved, 17 Apr 1959)

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NICKNAME

RED FALCONS

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 25 Jun 1943–20 Apr 1945.

Global bombardment training, Apr 1956–Feb 1966.

Operated AQM–34 strategic reconnaissance drones launched from DC–130 and recovered by CH–3, 1966–1976.

The 350th SRS, 100th SRW operated DC-130As, and later DC-130Es, from U Tapao AB, Thailand. They often carried a Ryan AQM-34 RPV. This reconnaissance drone was used to gather intelligence over hardened targets. Although many were shot down, most were able to accomplish their mission. Drones were used extensively along the numerous supply routes in Vietnam.

Provided refueling support for SR–71, 1983–1990.

Provided cargo support and intratheater refueling during combat in Southwest Asia, Aug 1990–Mar 1991.

Air Force Order of Battle

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