

## 745 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 745 Special Operations Squadron is a joint force provider for Air Force Special Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. This flying training unit provides initial and mission qualification training for Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Navy aircrew in the RC-26 aircraft. The 745th organizes, trains and equips personnel for global deployments providing regional commanders with a highly capable Search and Rescue platform and immediate short range airlift.

### LINEAGE

745 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 May 1943  
Activated, 1 Jun 1943  
Redesignated 745 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 Aug 1945  
Inactivated, 17 Oct 1945  
Activated in the reserve, 12 Jul 1947  
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 745 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 15 Oct 1952  
Activated, 1 Dec 1952  
Inactivated, 9 Jul 1956  
Redesignated 745 Special Operations Squadron  
Activated

### STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Jun 1943  
Gowen Field, ID, 14 Jul 1943  
Bruning AAFld, NE, 2 Aug 1943  
Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943  
Muroc AAB, CA, 2 Oct-4 Dec 1943

Italy, 11 Jan 1944  
Stornara, Italy, 25 Jan 1944-19 Jul 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 1 Aug 1945  
Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 17 Aug-17 Oct 1945  
McChord Field, WA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 1 Dec 1952  
Charleston AFB, SC, 15 Aug 1953  
Shiroi, Japan, 10 Nov 1955  
Ardmore AFB, OK, 6 Jun-9 Jul 1956

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

456 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943-17 Oct 1945  
456 Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
456 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Dec 1952  
456 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Mar 1955-9 Jul 1956

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1943-1945  
C-119, 199-1956  
RC-26

#### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Rick Seymour

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

None

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe  
Naples-Foggia  
Anzio  
Rome-Arno  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Po Valley  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Wiener Neustadt, Austria, 10 May 1944

Budapest, Hungary, 2 Jul 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Apr 1955-20 Mar 1956

## **EMBLEM**



745 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy emblem

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in MTO and ETO, 10 Feb 1944-26 Apr 1945. Special reconnaissance, conducted by 1st Air Division, Strategic Air Command, 1955-1956.

Air Force Special Operations Command inactivated the 745th Special Operations Squadron during a ceremony at Hurlburt Field, Fla. More than 200 airmen and guests attended the Aug. 23 ceremony. "Initially, the 745th SOS was developed to solve a short-term, one-year capability gap," said Lt. Col. Rick Seymour, 745th SOS commander, who presided over the event. "However, that temporary mission eventually turned into a six-year commitment, which is now coming to an end," he said. When the squadron initially stood up in 2007, its mission was to organize, train, equip, and deploy RC-26B aircrews in support of special operations missions. With its four assigned aircraft, the unit completed more than 10,000 combat sorties totaling about 46,000 combat flying hours in Iraq and Afghanistan. 2013

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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