

# 40 EXPEDITIONARY BOMB SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

40 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Mar 1944

Activated, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 18 Oct 1948

Redesignated 40 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 20 Dec 1950

Activated, 2 Jan 1951

Redesignated 40 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 16 Jun 1952

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1967

Redesignated 40 Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and converted to provisional status, 31 Jan 2002

### STATIONS

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 1 Apr 1944

Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 May-18 Nov 1944

North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944

Clark Field, Luzon, 13 Mar 1946

Kadena, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1947-18 Oct 1948

Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951-1 Jul 1967

### DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 31 Oct 1955-26 Jan 1956

### ASSIGNMENTS

6 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944-18 Oct 1948

6 Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951

6 Bombardment (later Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952-25 Jan 1967

Pacific Air Forces to activate or inactivate at any time after 31 Jan 2002

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1944

B-29, 1944-1947

B-29, 1951-1952

B-36, 1952-1957

B-52, 1957

## **COMMANDERS**

Unkn, 1 Apr-11 Jun 1944

Maj Louis M. Sowers, 12 Jun 1944

Lt Col Theodore W. Tucker, 12 Jul 1944

Lt Col Elmer A. Dixon, 4 Mar 1945

Unkn, 10 Jul-Aug 1945

Maj H. H. Latourette, Sep 1945

Capt H. K. Mcness, Dec 1945

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Leonard M. Legge, Jan 1946

Maj Douglas H. Kellar, 9 Sep 1946

Maj Leslie I. Mclaurin Jr., 4 Nov 1946

Lt Col Arthur C. Perry, 4 Jan 1947

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Colrowell C. Eddy, 10 Mar 1947

1<sup>st</sup> Lt John F. Campbell, 15 Apr 1947

None (Not Manned), 25 Apr 1947-18 Oct 1948

Lt Col Louis L. Wilson Jr., 25 Jan 1951

Maj John W. Edenbo, Jan 1953 (Temporary)

Lt Col William F. Crowley, Mar 1953

Lt Col Clyde B. Netherton, Oct 1953

Lt Col Royce G. Olson, 20 Jul 1954

Lt Col William T. Jones, Apr 1955

Lt Col Claude C. Mccutcheon, Sep 1956

Lt Col John W. Swanson, Mar 1957

Lt Col Arthur S. Pitts, Jul 1961

Lt Col Kenneth J. Green, Sep 1962

Lt Col Frederick Macfawn, Nov 1963

Lt Col Norman C. Nadon, Oct 1964

Lt Col George H. Mason, Jul 1965-25 Jan 1967

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
Eastern Mandates  
Western Pacific

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Tokyo, Japan, 25 May 1945  
Japanese Empire, 9-19 Jul 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 May 1960-31 May 1962

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1 May 1960-31 May 1962

#### **EMBLEM**



40 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy



40 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy emblem: On an Air Force blue disc edged white within a silver gray border, the SAC ribbon, bendwise, light blue spattered with white stars, between two white cloud formations, one issuing from dexter, one issuing from sinister (left) chief, shaded silver gray; over all a black mailed fist, winged white, shaded silver gray, highlighted white, grasping a red lightning flash palewise, highlighted white, piercing in base the black center of a red and white target in perspective, five small black lightning flashes radiating upward from the target's center. (Approved, 19 Apr 1962)



40 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

Combat in Western Pacific, 27 Jan-14 Aug 1945. No personnel assigned, 25 Apr 1947-18 Oct 1948. While retaining combat capability, trained B-52 crews for Strategic Air Command, 10 Jun 1960-1 Jan 1962.



Lt Col Royce G. Olson



Lt Col Arthur S. Pitts

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