

## 41 EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Mar 1944

Activated, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 10 Jun 1946

Activated in the reserve, 12 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy activated

41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy and 41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated squadron designated 41 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Inactivated, 15 Feb 1993

Redesignated 41 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Jun 2002. Unit remained inactive.

#### STATIONS

Dalhart AAF, TX, 1 Apr-10 May 1944

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Harvard AAFld, NE, 23 Aug 1944-7 Mar 195

Northwest Field, Guam, 14 Apr 1945-10 Jun 1946  
Long Beach Mun Aprt, CA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Griffiss AFB, NY, 5 Jan 1959

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

6 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr-10 May 1944  
501 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944-10 Jun 1946  
448 Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
4039 Strategic Wing, 5 Jan 1959  
416 Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963  
416 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991  
380 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992-15 Feb 1993  
Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 12 Jun 2002

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-29, 1944-1946  
KC-135 Apr 1959-1993

### **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 1 Apr-10 May 1944  
None (Not Manned), 1 Jun-12 Jul 1944  
Maj Robert H. Orr, 13 Jul 1944  
Unkn, Mar-17 May 1946  
None (Not Manned), 18 May-10 Jun 1946  
Unkn, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
None (Not Manned), 5 Jan-12 Mar 1959  
Maj Kenneth D. Webster, 12 Mar 1959  
Lt Col Thomas S. Bohman, 1 May 1959  
Maj Clayton P. Blake, 7 Sep 1960  
Lt Col Burl B. Davenport, 21 Dec 1960  
Lt Col John T. Sullivan, 18 Apr 1962  
Lt Col Robert A. Maloney, 1 Jun 1963  
Lt Col Vyrle W. Darnold, 10 Feb 1965  
Lt Col William R. Wright, 1 Jul 1965  
Lt Col Philip N. Currier, 24 Oct 1967  
Lt Col Vito J. Fierro, 15 Feb 1968-3 Feb 1969  
Unkn, 4-16 Feb 1969  
Lt Col Robert D. Mccluskey, 17 Feb 1969  
Lt Col Gordon G. Taft, 20 Nov 1970  
Lt Col Russell K. Sprague, 10 Mar 1972  
Maj Howard G. Holland, 16 Jun 1973  
Lt Col Orville D. Ingalsbe, 16 Jul 1973  
Lt Col Basil D. Gregorios, 1 Jul 1974  
Lt Col Daniel D. Dailey, 30 Jun 1976

Lt Col William R. Gray, 30 Sep 1977  
Lt Col Richard F. Vara, 23 Aug 1979  
Lt Col James O. Palmer, 19 Mar 1981  
Lt Col Jesse C. Caviness Jr., 14 Jul 1982  
Lt Col Richard L. Smith, 12 Mar 1984  
Lt Col Terry L. White, 24 Jun 1985  
Lt Col John J. Ondrejko, 8 Aug 1986  
Lt Col Robert G. Ford, 14 Aug 1987  
Lt Col Charles M. Link, 26 Oct 1988  
Lt Col Marc J. Neifert, 18 Jan 1990  
Lt Col Michael D. Brashear, 21 Feb 1992  
Lt Col Albert Madrigal Jr., 29 May 1992-Unkn

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
Eastern Mandates  
Western Pacific

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

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Japan, 6-13 Jul 1945

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1976  
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977  
1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979  
15 Sep 1981-31 Oct 1982  
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986  
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

## **EMBLEM**



41 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy emblem: on a disc, orange in base, shaded up to sky blue, within an ultramarine blue border, a large, gray elephant with white tusks, running toward dexter, and holding aloft in the trunk a very large, red aerial bomb, in front of white, cirrus cloud formations, edged light turquoise blue, and marked red violet on under side, all leaving white vapor trails to rear. (Approved, 17 Apr 1945)

41 Air Refueling Squadron emblem approved, 14 Apr 1960

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Western Pacific, 16 Jun -14 Aug 1945. Worldwide air refueling missions in support of SAC and DOD requirements, 1959-1993, including support of aircraft movement to and from South Vietnam and refueling combat aircraft, Dec 1964-Dec 1975. Combat refueling operations in Southwest Asia, Jan-Feb 1991.

41 Air Refueling Squadron participated in 8 Air Force Reflex Action, Operation High Ball, and Operation Texas Star, 1960, 41 Operation Hot Rocket, 1961.

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