

42 ATTACK SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

42 Aero Squadron organized, 13 Jun 1917

Redesignated Squadron I, Wilbur Wright Fld, OH, 1 Oct 1918

Demobilized, 21 Feb 1919

42 Squadron authorized, 10 Jun 1922

Organized, 5 Jul 1922

Redesignated 42 School Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Squadron I, Wilbur Wright Fld, OH reconstituted and consolidated with 42 School Squadron, 1924

Redesignated 42 Bombardment Squadron, 1 Mar 1935

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1936

Redesignated 42 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 22 Dec 1939

Activated, 1 Feb 1940

Redesignated 42 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 11 Dec 1940

Redesignated 42 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 30 Apr 1946

Inactivated, 20 Oct 1948

Redesignated 42 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy and activated, 1 Dec 1948

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Feb 1963

Redesignated 42 Strategic Squadron, 19 Dec 1988

Activated, 1 Jan 1989

Inactivated, 7 Aug 1990

Redesignated 42 Attack Squadron, 24 Oct 2006

Activated, 9 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Camp Kelly, TX, 13 Jun 1917

Wilbur Wright Fld, OH, 25 Aug 1917-21 Feb 1919

Kelly Fld, TX, 5 Jul 1922-1 Sep 1936

Hickam Fld, TH, 1 Feb 1940

Kualoa Point, TH, 5 Jun 1942

Mokuleia, TH, 8 Jul 1942

Plaines des Gaiacs, New Caledonia, 22 Jul 1942

Espiritu Santo, 23 Nov 1942 (forward echelon operated from Guadalcanal, Dec 1942)

Kualoa Point, TH, 8 Apr 1943 (forward echelon operated from Canton Island, 14 Jun-1 Jul and 15-21 Sep 1943)

Funafuti, 9 Nov 1943

Mokuleia, TH, 9 Jan 1944

Kahuku, TH, 19 Mar 1944

Mokuleia, TH, 23 Jun 1944

Guam, 22 Sep 1944

Okinawa, 2 Jul 1945

Manila, Luzon, Dec 1945

Guam, 15 May 1946-20 Oct 1948

Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1948

Altus AFB, OK, 13 Dec 1957

Wright Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Jun 1960-1 Feb 1963

RAF Fairford, England, 1 Jan 1989-7 Aug 1990

Creech AFB, NV, 9 Nov 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 1917-1919

10 School Group, 5 Jul 1922

Air Corps Advanced Flying School, 16 Jul 1931

3 Wing (attached to Air Corps Advanced Flying School), 1 Mar 1935-1 Sep 1936

11 Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940-20 Oct 1948

11 Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1948

11 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

4043 Strategic Wing, 1 Jun 1960-1 Feb 1963

11 Strategic Group, 1 Jan 1989-7 Aug 1990

57 Operations Group, 9 Nov 2006

432 Operations Group, 1 May 2007; 25 Attack Group, 5 Apr 2019-.

ATTACHMENTS

11 Bombardment Wing, 16 Feb 1951-15 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SJ-1
JN-4
DH-4B
DH-4M
O-2A
O-2C
O-2H
O-11
O-19, 1930-1932
O-19B
O-19C
O-25A
B-3A
B-4A
B-5A
B-18, 1940-1941
B-17, 1941-1943
B-24, 1943-1945
B-29, 1946
B-36, 1949-1957
B-52E, 1958
KC-135, 1989-1990

COMMANDERS

Capt Frank H. Pritchard, 5 Jul 1922-2 Jan 1923
Capt Joseph H. Davidson, 2 Jun 1923
Capt William H. Crom, 1 Aug 1923
1st Lt Willis A. Frederick, 27 Sep 1923
1st Lt Rueben D. Biggs, 9 Oct 1923
1st Lt Claude E. Duncan, 1 May 1924
Capt Ross F. Cole, 10 Mar 1926-1 Sep 1927
Capt William S. Gravely, 1 Apr 1928
1st Lt Howard K. Ramey, 7 Jul 1930
1st Lt William K. Moran, 1 Apr 1931
1st Lt Orval A. Anderson, 1 Jul 1931
Capt James A. Healy, 20 Oct 1931
Maj Thomas S. Voss, 1 Mar 1935
Capt John V. Hart, 3 Jun 1936
Capt Edgar T. Selzer, 7 Aug 1936-1 Sep 1936
Inactive, 1 Sep 1936-23 Nov 1936
Maj Daniel E. Ellis, 23 Nov 1936
Maj Ralph W. Stone, Aug 1937
2nd Lt Niels O. Ohman, 1 Feb 1940

Maj Clyde K. Rich, 20 Mar 1940
Maj Roger M. Ramey, 21 Oct 1940-19 Dec 1941
Maj Brook E. Allen, 23 Feb 1942
Maj Ernest R. Manierre, 1 Jul 1942
Capt Earl O. Hall, Jan 1943
Maj Jack D. Whidden, 1 Feb 1943
Maj Earl J. Cooper, 20 May 1943
Capt John J. Deasey, 10 Jan 1944
Capt Jesse E. Stay, 7 Apr 1944
Capt Boris Y. Kutner, 27 Feb 1945
Maj Clement K. Miller, 21 Mar 1945
None (unmanned), 1 Nov 1945-17 May 1946
Maj Richard A. House, 18 May 1946
None (unmanned), 15 Nov 1946-20 Oct 1948
Maj Wayne J. Seward, Dec 1948
Lt Col Wilbur B. Beezley, 14 Apr 1949
Lt Col George H. Koehne Jr., By Feb 1951
Maj Edwin D. Easley, Mar 1951
Lt Col Perier A. Koenig, Jun 1951
Lt Col Charles D. Briggs Jr., 9 Jun 1952
Lt Col Paul R. Paskvan Jr., 1 Jul 1953
Lt Col Benjamin M. Matlick Jr., Mar 1955
Lt Col Harold E. Walker, Dec 1956
Lt Col Ray F. Lemoine, 13 Apr 1959
Lt Col Albert S. Harwell Jr., By Dec 1960-1 Feb 1963
Lt Col Randy Lauterbach, 20 Jan 1989-7 Aug 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism-Service (GWOT-S).

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Central Pacific
Air Offensive, Japan
Guadalcanal
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
South Pacific, 31 Jul-30 Nov 1942

Presidential Unit Citation
South Pacific, 7 Aug-9 Dec 1942

Meritorious Unit Awards
1 Oct 2006-31 May 2007
1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009
1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012
1 Jun 2012-31 May 2013
1 Jun 2017-31 May 2018
1 Jun 2018-31 May 2020

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
6 Aug 1954-15 Jul 1957
27 Oct 1958-[1 Jun] 1960
1 Jan-30 Jun 1989
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006
1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010
1 Jun 2019-31 May 2021

EMBLEM





On a disc Azure, an equilateral triangle point to chief Argent, charged with a Puma Proper, beneath an inverted isosceles triangle diminished Or, between eleven small equilateral triangles palewise the last to dexter and sinister couped and the ends all Gules; all within an narrow Black border. Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "42D ATTACK SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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. The stylized torch assembled from various triangles reflects enlightenment and wisdom learned in response in times of chaos of war. The triangle at the top signifies purity of purpose. The Puma represents the underlying qualities of patience, courage, and decisiveness implicit in sudden and vigorous combat action. (Approved, 20 Jan 1925) 30 Nov 2009

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Evidentially served as flying training unit during 1917-1919.

Organized on 23 November 1936 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit with headquarters at Brownsville Municipal Airport, Brownsville, TX.

Performed search missions from Hawaii, 7 Dec 1941-Jul 1942; May-Oct 1943. Combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 24 Jul 1942-7 Feb 1943; in Central Pacific during May, Jun, Jul and Sep 1943; and in Central and Western Pacific, 13 Nov-20 Dec 1943 and 24 Oct 1944-12 Aug 1945. Received Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for service against the enemy in the South Pacific, 31 Jul-30 Nov 1942. Received Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) for actions against the enemy in the South Pacific, 7 Aug-9 Dec 1942. Operational training unit, Jan-Jun 1944. Non-operational, 1947-1948. Operational training in strategic bombardment from 1949 to 1963.

Tragedy hit Carswell on 15 March as the 42 Bomb Squadron hangar burned down. This hangar was originally constructed in June 1943.

On 2 and 3 May 1955, 11th Wing B-36 aircraft from the 26th, 42 and 98th Bomb Squadrons departed Carswell for a 60 day TDY to Nouasseur Depot, French Morocco. While there, in addition to routine training missions, special missions were flown to Dhahran, Adana and Geneva.

During 1989-1990, squadron supported tanker aircraft for Tactical Air Forces (TAF) in defense of NATO objectives.

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