

## 44 RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

44 Aero Squadron organized, 30 Jun 1917

Redesignated Squadron K, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Oct 1918

Redesignated Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Nov 1918

Demobilized, 30 Apr 1919

44 Squadron authorized, 10 Jun 1922

Organized, 26 Jun 1922

Redesignated 44 Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio reconstituted and consolidated with 44 Observation Squadron, 1924

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1927

Activated, 1 Apr 1931

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Sep 1937

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium Range), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), 20 Nov 1940

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 28 Mar 1944

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 15 Apr 1946

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron, 19 Feb 2015

Activated, 1 Apr 2015

### **STATIONS**

Camp Kelly, TX, 30 Jun 1917  
Wilbur Wright Field, OH, 25 Aug 1917-30 Apr 1919  
Post Field, OK, 26 Jun 1922  
March Field, CA, 25 Jun-31 Jul 1927  
France Field, CZ, 1 Apr 1931  
Albrook Field, CZ, 13 May 1932  
Howard Field, CZ, 8 Jul-27 Oct 1941  
Atkinson Field, British Guiana, 4 Nov 1941  
Orlando AB, FL, 31 Oct 1942  
Brooksville AAFld, FL, 6 Jan 1944  
Orlando AB, FL, 25 Feb 1944  
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 6 Mar-10 May 1944  
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Jun 1944  
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 5 Jun 1944  
Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 Sep 1944-7 Apr 1945  
Northwest Field, Guam, 12 May 1945-15 Apr 1946  
Creech AFB, Nevada, 1 Apr 2015

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Unkn, 1917-1919  
Eighth Corps Area, 26 Jun 1922 (attached to Field Artillery School, Aug 1922)  
Air Corps Training Center, Jun-31 Jul 1927  
6 Composite Group, 1 Apr 1931 (attached to 16 Pursuit Group, Dec 1932)  
16 Pursuit Group, assigned, 1 Sep 1937, and attached, 1 Feb 1940  
9 Bombardment Group, attached, 20 Nov 1940, and assigned 25 Feb 1942- 10 May 1944  
502 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944-15 Apr 1946  
732 Operations Group, 1 Apr 2015  
432 Operations Group, 5 Apr 2019

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

SJ-1  
JN-4  
DH-4  
O-2  
O-19, 1932-1937  
B-10, 1936-1937  
OA-4 1931-1939  
B-18, 1938-1942  
B-17, 1943-1944  
B-24, 1943-1944  
B-25 1943-1944

B-26, 1943-1944  
C-73 1943-1944  
B-29, 1944-1946

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Thomas G. Lanphier, 26 Jun 1922  
Capt Richard H. Ballard, 7 Sep 1924  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cornelius J. Kenney, 1 Jun 1927  
Inactive, 31 Jul 27-1 Apr 1931  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Arnold H. Rich, 1 Apr 1931  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt James M. Bevans, 22 Jul 1931  
Capt Robert D. Knapp, 3 Sep 1931  
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 25 Nov 1931  
Maj Eugene A. Lohman, 17 May 1932  
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 1 Oct 1932  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt John L. Nedwed, 16 Mar 1933  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Charles P. Cabell, 1 Jun 1933  
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 1 Oct 1933  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cornelius E. O' Connor, 1 Jul 1934  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Carl J. Crane, 1 Aug 1934  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Guy B. Henderson, 7 Nov 1934  
Capt George H. Beverly, 5 Feb 1935  
Maj Warner B. Gates, 1 Mar 1935  
Capt George A. Ross, 17 May 1936  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Herbert E. Rice, 1 Jul 1936  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Allen W. Reed, 29 Oct 1936  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert O. Cork, 21 Apr 1937  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Trenholm J. Meyer, 15 Apr 1938  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Norman B. Olsen, 12 Mar 1939  
Capt Forrest G. Allen, Feb 1940  
Maj Richard T. King, Jr., Oct 1941

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater  
Air Offensive, Japan  
Eastern Mandates  
Western Pacific

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Japan, 5-15 Aug 1945

Meritorious Unit Awards  
1 Jun 2017-31 May 2018  
1 Jun 2018-31 May 2020

## EMBLEM



An Indian in war bonnet in silhouette couped at the breast, arm raised, hand shading eyes, in blue on a yellow disc piped with red. (Approved, 20 Jan 1925)



44 Reconnaissance Squadron emblem approved, 11 Aug 2015.

## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

Evidently flying training unit during period 1917-1919. Good-will flight to Guatemala, 7-12 Feb 1938. Antisubmarine patrols, and reconnaissance of Vichy French fleet at Martinique, Dec 1941-Oct 1942. Unmanned, Nov 1942-Mar 1943. Tested equipment, Apr 1943-Feb 1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 1 Aug-15 Aug 1945.

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