

## 60 EXPEDITIONARY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

60 Reconnaissance Squadron, Weather Scouting constituted, 13 May 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 12 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 60 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated 60 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Oct 1955

Inactivated, 30 Apr 1990

Redesignated 60 Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, and converted to provisional status, on 22 Jul 2010.

#### STATIONS

Hamilton Field (later, Hamilton AFB), CA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 16 Jul 1952

Andersen AFB, Guam, 30 Jun 1971-30 Apr 1990

#### ASSIGNMENTS

72 Reconnaissance Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

72 Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 72 Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952

43 Strategic (later, 43 Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jul 1971-30 Apr 1990

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 22 Jul 2010

#### WEAPON SYSTEMS

Unkn, 1947-1949

RB-36, 1952-1955

B-36, 1955-1958

B-52, 1959-1971; 1972-1990

## **COMMANDERS**

Unkn, 1947-1949

Capt D. Rapovich, Unkn

Lt Col Harold R. Brown, Nov 1952

Lt Col Bill H. Martin, 4 Oct 1954

Lt Col Homer W. Lear, 5 Jan 1956

Maj Melvin G. Cash, 15 May 1958

Lt Col William J. Cook, 2 Jun 1958

Capt Robert G. Weiland, Jan 1959

Maj Harold L. Upton, Apr 1959

Maj Russell K. Weller, May 1959

Lt Col Gerhard R. Abendhoff, Jul 1959

Lt Col Merle M. Jones, 8 Aug 1959

Lt Col D. J. Perry, 25 Sep 1961

Lt Col Earl H. Winn, 18 Jul 1963

Lt Col D. S. Henshaw, 15 Oct 1963

Lt Col Ralph J. Evans, 4 Aug 1964

Lt Col Earl H. Winn, 15 Jul 1965

Lt Col L. A. Darner, 1 Aug 1966

Maj P. G. Fleming Jr., 24 Mar 1967

Lt Col P. F. Fleming, 7 Jun 1967

Lt Col W. H. Bartlett, 15 Jul 1968

Lt Col J. L. McDonald, 19 May 1969

Lt Col C. Schmidt, 17 Mar 1970

Lt Col C. H. Aslin, 12 Nov 1970

Lt Col Carl E. Holton, 1 Jul 1971

Lt Col Charles G. Maynard, 11 Oct 1972

Lt Col Douglas B. Brittain, 5 Jan 1973

Lt Col David L. Wyse, By 31 Dec 1974

Lt Col Charles C. Carpenter, 23 Jan 1976

Lt Col James R. Nerger, 1 Aug 1977

Lt Col Jessie J. Waldon Jr., 1 Sep 1978

Lt Col Thomas A. Keaney, 3 May 1980

Lt Col James J. Pizzorno, C. 8 Aug 1981

Lt Col John Wiley Iii, 11 Jun 1982

Lt Col Thomas J. Keck, 5 Aug 1983

Lt Col Douglas N. Hime, 5 Feb 1985

Lt Col William E. Evans, C. 21 Oct 1986

Lt Col David R. Honeywell, 24 Nov 1986

Lt Col Gregory D. Coffey, 13 Nov 1989-30 Sep 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam

Commando Hunt VII

Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device  
29 Jan-15 Nov 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1957-1 Jun 1958

1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969

1 May 1975-30 Apr 1977

1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1985

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1986

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
30 Jun 1971-28 Jan 1973

### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 7 Aug 1962

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Served as Reserve unit, 1947-1949.

Flew photographic reconnaissance missions, Dec 1952; continued as a reconnaissance unit until 1954 when mission became heavy bombardment.

Transitioned to B-52s, Nov 1958-Nov 1959.

Flew combat operations in Southeast Asia (SEA), Feb 1972-Aug 1973.

Remained on alert status after the Vietnam War.

Trained to maintain operational capability in B-52 aircraft, 1975-1990.

Assigned with effect from 1/7/71 but remained in non operational status until ca 3/72, when assumed responsibility for B-52D operations from parent 43 SW. Used B-52D until 1983, when converted to B-52G, which it retained until 1990, being inactivated on 30/4/90.

The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing recently inactivated its detached MQ-1 Predator launch and recovery squadron at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. The 60th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron logged some 24,000 combat flying hours in support of three regional combatant commands, and was credited with killing 69 enemy combatants, including five high-value targets, since November 2014. The 60th ERS was responsible for all MQ-1 operations from the African continent. The unit operated MQ-1s from Chabelley Airport several miles west of Camp Lemonnier, after the Pentagon moved RPA operations there to avoid commercial air traffic. The Air Force is phasing out the MQ-1 in favor of the more capable MQ-9 Reaper, which operates from Chabelley and Arba Minch Airport, Ethiopia, in east Africa, as well as other forward operating locations in support of US, allied, and partner operations. The unit inactivated in an Oct. 7 ceremony, according to officials.2015

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