

76 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

76 Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 30 Jan 1943
Activated, 25 Feb 1943
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1945
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jul 1947
Redesignated 76 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 26 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 Mar 1951
Relieved from active duty, 15 Oct 1952
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Dec 1952
Discontinued, and inactivated, 1 Apr 1966
Redesignated 76 Air Refueling Squadron, 9 Sep 1994
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 25 Feb 1943
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 4 May 1943
Pope Field, NC, 5 Jul 1943
Baer Field, IN, 8-13 Oct 1943
Langer, England, 3 Nov 1943
Welford Park, England, Jan 1944 (detachment operated from Tarquinia, Italy, 20 Jul-23 Aug 1944)
Bretigny, France, 19 Feb-Jun 1945
Baer Field, IN, 5 Aug 1945
Kellogg Field, MI, 23 Aug-15 Nov 1945

Orlando AAB, FL, 15 Jul 1947
Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 26 Jun 1949-1 Dec 1952
Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 1 Dec 1952
Homestead AFB, FL, 25 Jul 1960-1 Apr 1966
McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

435 Troop Carrier Group, 25 Feb 1943-15 Nov 1945
435 Troop Carrier Group, 15 Jul 1947-1 Dec 1952
435 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Dec 1952
435 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959
445 Troop Carrier Wing; 1 Oct 1961
435 Troop Carrier Wing, 27 Aug 1962
915 Troop Carrier Group, 17 Jan 1963-1 Apr 1966
514 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-53, 1943-1945
C-47, 1943-1945
CG-4, 1943-1945
Horsa Glider, 1944-1945
C-109, 1945
C-46, 1947-1948
C-46, 1949-1951
C-119, 1951-1966
C-124, 1966
KC-10, 1994

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Robert C. Lewis, 25 Feb 1943
Unkn, Jun-15 Nov 1945
Unkn, 15 Jul 1947-28 Feb 1951
Lt Col John R. Pountnay, 1 Mar 1951
Maj William H. Jay, 12 Jul 1951-1 Dec 1952
Unkn, 1 Dec 1952-1959
Lt Col Charles E. Lewis, Jan 1959
Maj William F. Keaster, Feb 1959
Lt Col Charles E. Lewis, Dec 1961
Lt Col William F. Keaster, 27 Aug 1962
Maj Otis McLendon, Nov 1963
Maj Harold E. Travis, 31 Dec 1963
Maj Daniel F. Hunt, 30 Jun 1965-1 Apr 1966
Lt Col Charles E. Reed, 1 Oct 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Normandy

Rome-Arno

Southern France

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

France, 5-7 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1997

EMBLEM



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Azure, a Pegasus forcene Or garnished Brown between three clouds Argent garnished Celeste issuing from the edges all within a diminished bordure White; all within a diminished bordure Gules. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed 11 76t h AIR REFUELING SQ II in Red letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 Pegasus represents the swift air

refueling capabilities of the unit as it completes the Air Force global reach mission. (Approved: 17 Apr 1996, superseding emblem approved 30 Mar 1944.)

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OPERATIONS

Airborne and glider assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; transportation of personnel and cargo in ETO and MTO during World War II. Tactical airlift operations, 1947-1966; strategic airlift operations, 1966; and global air refueling and airlift, 1994.

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