340th FLYING TRAINING GROUP

LINEAGE
340th Bombardment Group (Medium) established, 10 Aug 1942
Activated, 20 Aug 1942
Redesignated 340th Bombardment Group, Medium, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945
Redesignated 340th Bombardment Group, Light, 8 Oct 1947
Activated in the Reserve, 31 Oct 1947
Inactivated, 19 Aug 1949
Redesignated 340th Bombardment Group, Medium and activated, 22 May 1968
Organized, 2 Jul 1968
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1971
Redesignated 340th Air Refueling Group, Heavy, 14 Jun 1977
Activated, 1 Jul 1977

340th Bombardment Wing, Medium established, 3 Oct 1952
Activated, 20 Oct 1952
Redesignated 340th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Sep 1963
Discontinued and inactivated, 2 Oct 1966

340th Air Refueling Group, Heavy and 340th Bombardment Wing, Heavy consolidated, 31 Mar 1982

Redesignated 340th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, 1 Oct 1984
Redesignated 340th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Sep 1991
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992
Redesignated 340th Flying Training Group, and activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1998

STATIONS
Columbia AAB, SC, 20 Aug 1942
Walterboro, SC, 30 Nov 1942-30 Jan 1943
El Kabrit, Egypt, Mar 1943
Medenine, Tunisia, Mar 1943
Sfax, Tunisia, Apr 1943
Hergla, Tunisia, 2 Jun 1943
Comiso, Sicily, 2 Aug 1943
Catania, Sicily, 27 Aug 1943
San Pancrazio, Italy, 15 Oct 1943
Foggia, Italy, 19 Nov 1943
Pompeii, Italy, 2 Jan 1944
Paestum, Italy, 23 Mar 1944
Corsica, 14 Apr 1944
Rimini, Italy, c. 2 Apr-27 Jul 1945
Seymour Johnson Field, NC, 9 Aug 1945
Columbia AAB, SC, 2 Oct-7 Nov 1945
Tulsa Muni Aprt, OK, 31 Oct 1947-19 Aug 1949
Sedalia (later, Whiteman) AFB, MO, 20 Oct 1952
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1963-2 Oct 1966
Carswell AFB, TX, 2 Jul 1968-31 Dec 1971
Altus AFB, OK, 1 Jul 1977-1 Oct 1992
Randolph AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS
Third Air Force, 20 Aug 1942-unkn
Ninth Air Force, 5 Apr 1943
Twelfth Air Force, 22 Aug 1943
   XII Air Support Command, 1 Sep 1943
   57th Bombardment Wing, 1 Nov 1943
   XII Bomber Command, 2 Jan 1944
   57th Bombardment Wing, 1 Mar 1944
Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 26 Jul 1945
First Air Force, 7 Aug-7 Nov 1945
   310th Bombardment Wing, Light (later, 310th Air Division), 31 Oct 1947-19 Aug 1949
Second Air Force, 20 Oct 1952
   Eighth Air Force, 1 Jul 1955
Second Air Force, 1 Jan 1959
   17th Air (later, 17th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 15 Jul 1959
   4th Air Division, 1 Sep 1963
   19th Air Division, 1 Sep 1964-2 Oct 1966
   Strategic Air Command, 22 May 1968
   19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1968-31 Dec 1971
   19th Air Division, 1 Jul 1977
Tenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1998

WEAPON SYSTEMS
B-25, 1942-1945
AT-6, 1947-1949
T-11, 1948-1949
YRB-47, 1954-1956
B-47, 1954-1963
KC-97, 1954-1962
B-52, 1963-1966
T-33, 1969-1970
FB-111, 1969-1971
KC-135, 1977
T-37, 1998
T-38, 1998
T-1, 1998
**KC-135R**
B-52D, 1964-1966

**COMMANDERS**
Unkn, 20 Aug-2 Sep 1942
LTC Adolph E. Tokaz, 3 Sep 1942
Col William C. Mills, 21 Sep 1942
LTC Adolph E. Tokaz, 7 May 1943
Col Charles D. Jones, 8 Jan 1944
Col Willis F. Chapman, 16 Mar 1944-7 Nov 1945
Unkn, 31 Oct 1947-19 Aug 1949
LTC Leonard S. Flo, 20 Oct 1952
Col Franklin K. Reyher, 18 Feb 1953
Col Chester C. Cox, 20 Nov 1953
Col Abe J. Beck, 2 Jul 1954
Col Robert T. Calhoun, 29 Jun 1957
BG Harold E. Humfeld, 23 Sep 1957
Col Robert T. Calhoun, c. 16 Jul 1959
Col George L. Newton Jr., 1 Sep 1959
Col Willis F. Lewis, 1 May 1961
Col Carl G. Payne, 10 Jul 1963
Col Lowell B. Fisher, 13 Aug 1963
Col Frank P. Bender, 1 Sep 1963
Col Edwin H. Garrison, 16 Aug 1965
Col William Marchesi, 1 Jun-2 Oct 1966
None (not manned), 22 May-17 Jul 1968
Col Frank L. Voightmann, 18 Jul 1968
Col Winston E. Moore, 1 May 1969
Col Kenneth J. Green, 1 Dec 1969
Maj Thomas J. Wilkinson, 1 Oct-31 Dec 1971
Col Arthur D. Seely, 1 Jul 1977
Col Alan B. Walters, 7 Jun 1978
Col Samuel H. Shockey Jr., 19 Nov 1979
Col Foster N. Dickson, 10 Sep 1981
Col Howard L. Kravetz, 30 Mar 1983
Col Densel K. Acheson, 29 Jan 1985
Col Dennis P. Tewell, 23 Jul 1987
Col John R. Clapper, 27 Jun 1989
Col Patrick A. Collins, 1 Apr 1998

**HONORS**

**Service Streamers**
None

**Campaign Streamers**
World War II
Air Combat, EAME Theater; Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Central Europe
Po Valley

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**
None

**Decorations**
Distinguished Unit Citations
North Africa and Sicily, [Apr]-17 Aug 1943
Italy, 23 Sep 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1982

**EMBLEM**
Approved, 12 Sep 1955

**EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

**MOTTO**
NICKNAME

OPERATIONS
Trained with B-25s, Sep 1942-Jan 1943. Arrived in Mediterranean theater in Mar 1943, and entered combat the next month, first with the Ninth and then with the Twelfth Air Force. Attached to Desert Air Force, Apr-c. Jun 1943, and Tactical Bomber Force, 3 Jun 1943-1 Mar 1944. Sometimes conducted strategic bombing, but mostly flew close air support and interdiction missions against airfields, railroads, bridges, road junctions, supply depots, gun emplacements, troop concentrations, marshalling yards, and factories in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Albania, Yugoslavia, and Greece. The group also dropped propaganda leaflets behind enemy lines. Participated in the reduction of Pantelleria and Lampedusa in Jun 1943, the bombing of German evacuation beaches near Messina in Jul, the establishment of the Salerno beachhead in Sep, the drive for Rome during Jan-Jun 1944, the invasion of southern France in Aug, and attacks on the Brenner Pass and other German lines of communication in northern Italy from Sep 1944 to Apr 1945. Earned a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for the period Apr-Aug 1943, when it supported the British Eighth Army in Tunisia and Allied forces in Sicily. Earned a second DUC for the destruction of a cruiser in the heavily defended harbor of La Spezia on 23 Sep 1944 before the enemy could use the ship to block the harbor's entrance. Returned to the United States, Jul-Aug 1945. Between Oct 1947 and Aug 1949, the group performed medium bombardment training in the Air Force Reserve. In Oct 1952, replaced the 4224th Air Base Squadron at Sedalia (later Whiteman) AFB, MO. Supervised base rehabilitation and construction until May 1954, when it commenced tactical operations. Deployed to Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 13 Sep-3 Nov 1955. Phased down at Whiteman AFB in mid-1963 and moved without personnel or equipment to Bergstrom AFB, TX, absorbing the resources and mission of the 4130th Strategic Wing. Continued global strategic bombardment and air refueling operations to inactivation. Beginning Jul 1968, conducted initial qualification and refresher training for Strategic Air Command crews, while maintaining its own combat crew force. From Jul 1977 to Oct 1992, conducted aerial refueling operations for USAF global missions. In 1990, in Operation Desert Shield the wing deployed aircraft and personnel to Saudi Arabia. From 1998, the group trained veteran pilots as Air Force Reserve instructor pilots to take the place of regular AETC instructors.

Originally established in August 1942 at Columbia AAB, SC. The unit was designated the 340th Bombardment Group (Medium). The group flew B-25s, engaging chiefly in support and interdiction missions. The 340th participated in the reduction of Pantelleria and Lampedusa in June 1943, the bombing of German evacuation beaches near Messina in July, the establishment of the Salerno beachhead in September, the drive for Rome during January to June 1944, the invasion of Southern France in August, and attacks on the Brenner Pass and other German lines of communication in Northern Italy from September 1944 to April 1945. Shortly thereafter, the B-25s and aircrew were back in the US. and the unit deactivated in November 1945. The unit was reactivated and continued performing medium bombardment training in the Air Force Reserve from October 1947 to August 1949 at Tulsa Municipal Airport, OK.

The 340th Bombardment Group was again reactivated in May 1968 at Carswell AFB, TX. In June 1977, it was redesignated as the 340th Air Refueling Group (Heavy) and moved in July 1977 to Altus AFB, OK. It was redesignated the 340th Air Refueling Wing (Heavy) in October.
1984 and reassigned to Fifteenth Air Force, Strategic Air Command in June 1988 with subsequent redesignation as the 340th Air Refueling Wing on 1 September 1991. It was reassigned to Air Mobility Command on 1 June 1992, and inactivated on 1 October 1992. The 340th is now reactivated at Randolph AFB, TX as the 340th Flying Training Group, organized to provide associate instructor pilots for the AETC SUPT mission. The Group consists of a headquarters element at Randolph AFB and five Associate Reserve Flying Training Squadrons. The 5th FTS at Vance AFB, 43rd and Columbus AFB, 96th at Laughlin AFB, 97th at Sheppard AFB, and the 100th at Randolph AFB will report to the 340th FTG.

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340th bw
Operated b-47 till 1963 as 340 bw(m) from whiteman afb, missouri. Redesignated as 340 bw(h) on 1/9/63 and moved simultaneously to bergstrom afb, texas, taking over aircraft and personnel previously assigned to the 4130 sw. Discontinued and inactivated 2/10/66.

Fb-111 group organized - effective 2 july, the 340th bombardment group, medium, was organized at carswell air force base, texas. Assigned to the 19th air division of second air force, the 340th was scheduled to be the first sac unit to receive fb-111 aircraft. The 340th's primary mission was to train combat crews in the operation of the new bomber. Upon completion of their training, the crews would be assigned to an operational fb-111 wing. 1968

1953 personnel strength of 340 bombardment wing increased to sixteen officers and 242 enlisted personnel.

1954  brig gen john r. Sutherland assigned to 340 bombardment wing (bw) as wing commander. 1954

340 bombardment wing (bw) participated in pace setter and curley strikes exercises.

340 bombardment wing (bw) participated in sky shield exercises. 1962

B-52d aircraft undertook commitments under operation chrome dome. 1966
Bergstrom air force base tx land was released by air force for construction of a highway interchange adjacent to the base. 1966
Col william marchesi assumed command from col edwing h. Garrison. 1966

Discusses plans for inactivation of wing. Kc-135 aircraft of 910 air refueling squadron flew special missions: young tiger; flying fish ; new leaf; no name; and town car. 1966
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