

443rd AIR EXPEDITIONARY SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

443rd Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942

Activated, 23 Jun 1942

Redesignated 443rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 9 Oct 1944

Inactivated, 7 Dec 1945

Redesignated 443rd Bombardment Squadron, Light, 26 May 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 9 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 443rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium and activated, 1 Dec 1952

Discontinued, 15 Sep 1960

Redesignated 443rd Air Expeditionary Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 13 May 2011

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Jul 1942

Drane Field, FL, 8-28 Aug 1942

Hethel, England, 12 Sep 1942

Tibenham, England, 1 Oct 1942

La Senia, Algeria, 8 Jan 1943

Tafaraoui, Algeria, 28 Jan 1943
Montesquieu, Algeria, 9 Apr 1943
Massicault, Tunisia, 29 Jun 1943
El Bathan, Tunisia, 28 Jul 1943
Decimomannu, Sardinia, 9 Nov 1943
Alto, Corsica, 20 Sep 1944
Dijon/Longvic, France, 11 Nov 1944
Dole/Lavaux, France, 2 Apr 1945
Furth, Germany, 20 Jun 1945
Clastres, France, Oct-28 Nov 1945
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 5-7 Dec 1945
Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949
March AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1952-15 Sep 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

320th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1942-7 Dec 1945
320th Bombardment Group, 9 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949
320th Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1952-15 Sep 1960
Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 13 May 2011

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945
B-26B
B-26C
B-29, 1952-1953
YRB-47, 1953
B-47, 1953-1960

COMMANDERS

Maj J. Scott Peddie, Jul 1942
Maj William L. Marble, 25 May 1943
Maj Peter K. Graves, 19 Dec 1943
Cpt Festus D. Hunter, 28 Apr 1944 (acting)
Maj Lawrence J. Hayward, 9 Jul 1944
Maj Arthur B. West Jr., 23 Oct 1944
Cpt Frank C. Bennett, 29 May 1945
Cpt Anson P. Newton, 3 Jun 1945-unkn
LTC William J. Would, 1 Dec 1952
LTC Richard M. Hoban, Oct 1954
LTC Lawrence F. McGuin, 2 May 1957
LTC L. J. Stevens, Sep 1959-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Antisubmarine, EAME Theater

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Italy, 12 May 1944

France, 15 Mar 1945

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

Apr, May, and Jun 1944

EMBLEM



443rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium emblem: used a black African native figure crouching in jungle foliage and blowing a bomb out of a blowpipe. The figure held a shield with the U.S. star insignia.

443rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium emblem: On a blue disc a caricature of an angry yellow parrot with red beak and black and white eye, hurling a red bomb across the lower left edge of the disc and leaving white speed lines. (Approved, 4 Mar 1954)

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols in the Mediterranean, Feb-Mar 1943; combat in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and the European Theater of Operations, 22 Apr 1943-1 May 1945. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for the 12 May 1944 bombing of enemy concentrations near Fondi, Italy in support of Fifth Army's advance toward Rome. Received a second DUC for participating in a five day dawn-to-dusk attack on the Siegfried Line, 15 Mar 1945. Combat crews trained to ensure combat readiness on short notice, globally, and under any climate, terrain, or weather conditions, 1952-1960.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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