

39 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

39 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Mar 1944

Activated, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 18 Oct 1948

Redesignated 39 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 20 Dec 1950

Activated, 2 Jan 1951

Redesignated 39 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 16 Jun 1952

STATIONS

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 1 Apr 1944

Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 May-18 Nov 1944

North Field, Tinian, 28 Dec 1944

Clark Field, Luzon, 13 Mar 1946

Kadena, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1947-18 Oct 1948

Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 31 Oct 1955-26 Jan 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944-18 Oct 1948

6 Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951

6 Bombardment (later Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 16 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1944
B-29, 1944-1947
B-29, 1951-1952
B-36, 1952-1957
B-52, 1957

COMMANDERS

Lt Col John W. Osborn
Lt Col Melvin H. Slate, #1954
Lt Col Lee McClendon

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
25 May 1945
9-19 Jul 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 May 1960-31 May 1962

EMBLEM

On a disc per pale azure and white, a red pile between an Air Force golden yellow lightning bolt issuing from dexter and a SAC ribbon, light blue spattered with white stars issuing from sinister, both diminishing and terminating at base honor point; over all a black silhouetted bat in flight upward, speed lines black, highlights white below a black and white target issuing from chief; all within an Air Force golden yellow border. (Approved, 11 Apr 1961)

MOTTO

PER TARTARUM AD METAM--Through Hell Against the Target

OPERATIONS

39 Bombardment Squadron scheduled to convert from crew training to tactical missions in Sep 1963.



Lt Col Melvin H. Slate



Lt Col Lee McClendon

USAF Unit Histories

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