

43 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

29 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 22 Dec 1939
Activated, 1 Feb 1940
Redesignated 43 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 13 Mar 1940
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944
Redesignated 43 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy
Activated, 1 Apr 1944
Inactivated, 20 May 1946

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb 1940
MacDill Field, FL, 21 May 1940
Pope Field, NC, 7 Dec 1941
MacDill Field, FL, 1 Jan 1942
Gowen Field, ID, 25 Jun 1942-1 Apr 1944
Pratt AAFld, KS, 1 Apr- 6 Dec 1944
North Field, Guam, 17 Jan 1945-20 May 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

29 Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940-1 Apr 1944
29 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944-20 May 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1940-1941

B-17, 1940-1943
B-24, 1943-1944
B-17, 1944
B-29, 1944-1946

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Japan, 31 Mar 1945
Japan, 19-26 Jun 1945

EMBLEM



On a white disc edged in black a white and gray condor with black outlines, rising and grasping in both claws a red aerial bomb with black markings. (Approved, 18 Apr 1942)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-Jun 1942. Operational and later replacement training unit, 1942-1944. Combat in Western Pacific, 16 Feb-15 Aug 1945.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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