

7th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



LINEAGE

77th Air Corps Ferry Squadron constituted 30 Jan 1943
Activated, 22 Feb 1943
Redesignated 77th Transport Squadron, 1 Jul 1943
Disbanded 1 Dec 1943
Reconstituted 77th Air Transport Squadron, 16 Sep 52
Activated, 24 Sep 1952
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1955

7th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted, 28 Jan 1958
Activated, 1 Apr 1958
Inactivated, 15 Apr 1960
Activated, 1 Mar 1964

77th Air Transport Squadron and 7th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 85

Inactivated, 1993

STATIONS

Chabua Afld, Assam, India 1943-Apr 1943
Jorhat Assam, India, 1943
McChord AFB, WA 1952-20 Nov 1953
Travis AFB, CA, 1955
Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1958-15 Apr 1960
Carswell AFB, TX, 27 Sep 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

22nd Ferry Group/Transport Group, 1942-1943
1705th Air Transport Group, 1952-20 Nov 1953
1501st Air Transport Group, 1955
19th Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-135

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Maj Thomas B. Meeker, 15 Apr 1958
LTC John L. Vignetti, 1 Jun 1958-15 Apr 1960
Lt Philip A Guay, 1 Mar 1964
LTC Donald B. Cunningham, 20 Jan 1965-Mar 1965
LTC George E. Porter, Apr 1965
LTC Glen L. Pugmire, 14 Jul 1965
LTC Russell D. Fellers, 1 Jun 1967
LTC Homer W. Sharp, 15 Nov 1968
LTC Edward A. Hauss, 13 Jul 1970
LTC Jack D. Prollock, 11 Aug 1972
LTC Lwell T.L. Proctor, 2 May 1973
LTC Charles Buchanan, 20 Aug 1974
LTC Lawrence Beyer, 1 Jul 1975
LTC James R. Meyer, 6 Aug 1976
LTC Douglas A. Beyer, 1 May 1976
LTC James M. Diehl, 28 Nov 1976
LTC Floyd B. Kimberly, 8 Jan 1979
LTC Thomas E. Shutt, 30 Apr 1980
LTC Thomas W. McCay, 26 Jun 1981
LTC Kenneth R. Dale, 22 Apr 1983
LTC Al J. Caldwell, 10 Oct 1984
LTC Richard C. Marr, 9 Jun 1986
LTC George Mazzeo, 2 Jul 1987
LTC Thomas L. Dillard, 11 Sep 1989
LTC Samuel P. Johnson, 11 Dec 1990
LTC Billy J. Hoppe, 17 Apr 1992-1 Jun 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

With Diligence and Swiftmess

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OPERATIONS

On 5 Mar 1974, a 7th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135A, en route from Eielson AFB, AK to its home base at Carswell, suffered explosive decompression when a small window blew out at 35,000 feet at 1630 hrs. EST about 40 miles SE of Fort Nelson, British Columbia. One passenger of the 25 aboard died from the effects of the rapid decompression; others and eight crew survived. The tanker made an emergency landing at a Canadian Armed Forces Base at Edmonton, Alberta.



Sources

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