

410th AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

410th Bombardment Group (Light) established, 16 Jun 1943

Activated, 1 Jul 1943

Redesignated 410th Bombardment Group, Light, 17 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

410th Bombardment Wing, Heavy established and activated, 15 Nov 1962

Organized, 1 Feb 1963

410th Bombardment Group, Light and 410th Bombardment Wing, Heavy consolidated, 31 Jan 1984

Redesignated 410th Wing, 1 Sep 1991

Redesignated 410th Bomb Wing, 1 Jun 1992

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1995

Redesignated 410th Air Expeditionary Wing, and converted to provisional status, 10 Jan 2003

STATIONS

Will Rogers Field, OK, 1 Jul 1943

Muskogee AAFld, OK, 4 Oct 1943

Laurel AAFld, MS, 12 Jan 1944

Lakeland AAFld, FL, 8 Feb-13 Mar 1944

Birch, England, 4 Apr 1944

Gosfield, England, 16 Apr 1944

Coulommiers, France, 26 Sep 1944
Juvincourt, France, 11 Feb 1945
Beaumont-sur-Oise, France, 23 May 1945
Cambrai, France, 17 Jun-10 Jul 1945 (air echelon), 25 Jun-25 Jul 1945 (ground echelon)
Seymour Johnson Field, NC, Aug 1945
Myrtle Beach AAFld, SC, 5 Oct-7 Nov 1945
K. I. Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 Feb 1963-30 Sep 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

III Air Support Command (attached to 46 Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1943)
III Bomber Command, 6 Aug 1943
97th Combat Bombardment Wing (later, 97th Bombardment Wing), 4 Apr 1944-25 Jun 1945
(under operational control of IX Bomber Command, 11-18 Sep 1944)
99th Combat Bombardment Wing, 19-28 Sep 1944)
First Air Force, Aug-7 Nov 1945
Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962
40th Air Division, 1 Feb 1963
4th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964
40th Air Division, 31 Mar 1970
Eighth Air Force, 8 Jun 1988-30 Sep 1995
Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 10 Jan 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, 1943-1945
A-26, 1945
B-26, 1945
B-52H, 1963-1994
KC-135A, 1963-1992

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Jul-13 Aug 1943
LTC Clark L. Miller, 13 Aug 1943
Col Ralph Rhudy, 17 Sep 1943
Col Sherman R. Beaty, 3 Jul 1944
Col Robert J. Hughey, Dec 1944
Unkn, 19 Oct-7 Nov 1945
Col William B. Kyes, 1 Feb 1963
Col Madison M. McBrayer, 27 Feb 1963
Col Frederick R. Ramputi, 1 May 1963
Col Pete C. Sianis, 1 Mar 1965
Col Robert J. Ray, 8 Jul 1966
Col Richard M. Hoban, 26 Jun 1967
BG John R. Hinton Jr., 15 Jul 1968
Col Jules M. Blomberg, 11 May 1970

Col Andrew B. Anderson Jr., 15 Oct 1970
Col Robert J. Thompson, 23 Mar 1971
Col Morris E. Shiver, 6 Oct 1972
Col Jack L. Watkins, 14 May 1973
Col Morris E. Shiver, 24 Aug 1973
Col Nathaniel A. Gallagher, 26 Feb 1974
Col Judson H. Ruth, 21 May 1975
Col George A. Dugard, 29 Jun 1977
Col Robert D. Beckel, 16 Aug 1978
BG Marion F. Tidwell, 14 Jun 1979
Col Lionel W. Roberts, 2 May 1980
Col Larry D. Fortner, 21 Apr 1982
Col Patrick E. Galbraith, 7 Jun 1983
Col Antonio Maldonado, 2 Jul 1985
Col Eldon W. Joersz, 19 May 1987
Col Edward F. Grillo Jr., 24 Apr 1989
Col John E. Frisby, 17 Sep 1990
BG Rudolf F. Peksens, Sep 1992
Unkn, Aug 1994-1 Jun 1995

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Germany, 23-25 Dec 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Feb-31 Mar 1963
1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1976
1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1981

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

EMBLEM



Per quarter light blue and azure, within a pattern of five mullets, one in dexter chief and one in sinister base of the last, one in sinister chief, one in dexter base and one in middle base argent, a circular pattern of 12 mullets, 10 of the last, one at 10 o'clock and one at 4 o'clock of the second, the mullets encircling a globe of the first, rimmed and gridlined of the second (rim argent on second and third quarters), on the globe a winged bomb gules surmounted by a lightning bolt bend-wise or bearing three mullets of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. (Approved, 17 Jul 1964)

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OPERATIONS

410th Bombardment Group trained with A-20s, Aug 1943-Feb 1944. Moved to England and entered combat as part of Ninth Air Force in May 1944. Helped prepare for Normandy invasion by assaulting coastal defenses, airfields, and V-weapon sites in France, and marshalling yards in France and Belgium. Supported June invasion by bombing gun positions and railway choke points. Assisted ground forces at Caen, St Lo, and Brest by attacking bridges, vehicles, fuel, and ammunition dumps, and rail lines, Jul-Sep 1944. Supported Allied assault on Siegfried Line by striking villages, railroad bridges, overpasses, marshalling yards, military camps, and communications centers. Participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945, pounding railheads, marshalling yards, bridges, and vehicles in the battle area. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for its bombing effectiveness against enemy lines of communications in the Ardennes, 23-25 Dec 1945. Flew night as well as support and interdiction missions, aiding ground forces in the drive across the Rhine and into Germany, Feb-Apr 1945.

When organized on 1 Feb 1963, the 410 Bombardment Wing replaced the 4042 Strategic Wing.

Conducted air refueling operations worldwide from 1963 until 1992 and strategic and tactical bombardment training from 1963 to 1994.

Supported combat operations in Southeast Asia with KC-135 aircraft and crews, 1964-1975, and with B-52 crews, 1968-1975.

Participated in aerial refueling operations during invasion of Grenada, Oct-Nov 1983.

28 Sep 1991, worldwide change brings the 410th Wing's aircraft off alert status.

Ceased flying operations in Nov 1994 and closed K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI, before inactivation in mid-1995.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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