

## **2<sup>nd</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY**



### **LINEAGE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron constituted, 1 Jan 1938  
Redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) and activated, 1 Feb 1940  
Redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 3 Feb 1944  
Redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 30 Apr 1946  
Redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1982

### **STATIONS**

Bolling Field, DC, 1 Feb 1940  
Langley Field, VA, 14 Nov 1940  
Muroc, CA, 9 Dec 1941-29 Jan 1942  
Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942  
Ipswich, Australia, 2 Mar 1942  
Townsville, Australia, 7 Apr 1942  
Reid River, Australia, 9 Apr 1942  
Dobodura, New Guinea, 9 Oct 1943  
Nadzab, New Guinea, 19 Dec 1943  
Owi, Schouten Islands, 11 Aug 1944  
Leyte, 19 Nov 1944  
Angaur, 28 Nov 1944  
Samar, 20 Jan 1945  
Clark Field, Luzon, Mar 1945  
Okinawa, 18 Aug 1945  
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945  
Okinawa, 15 May 1946  
Smoky Hill AFB, KA, 18 May 1948  
March AFB, CA, 10 May 1949  
March AFB CA, 15 Sep 1963-1 Oct 1982

## **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Kadena AFB, Okinawa, 9 Jul-30 Oct 1950

Upper Heyford, England, 9 Dec 1953-5 Mar 1954

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

22<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940

22<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-18, 1940

B-26, 1941

B-25, 1943

B-24, 1944

B-29A, 1946

B-47, 1953

B-52B, 1963

B-52C, 1967

B-52D, 1966

B-52E, 1968

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

B-26

40-1414

B-29A

44-86301

44-83990

B-52B

28710	28714	30367	30370	30374
28711	28715	30368	30372	30375
28713	30366	0369	30373	30376

RB-26

40-1399

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Cpt Leslie P. Halcomb, 1 Feb 1940-Dec 41

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

East Indies

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

Papua

New Guinea

Northern Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte; Luzon

Southern Philippines

China Offensive

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Korean War

UN Defensive

UN Offensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Papua, 23 Jul 1942-[3] Jan 1943

New Guinea, 5 Nov 1943

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

10 Jul-24 Oct 1950

#### **EMBLEM**

On a half disc a representation of silver gray and white clouds forming an irregular pattern on the right side, a caricature of a Blue Tail Fly, black, wearing battle cap and earphones blue, riding a bomb, dark gray, caricatured with a face; bomb hurtling through clouds, proper, with four flashes of lightning yellow, portrayed around it. (Approved, 15 Apr 1952)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-Jan 1942; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 8 Apr 1942-3 Jan 1943, 5 Oct 1943-24 Jul 1945. Not manned, 23 Nov 1945-15 Jun 1946.

Combat in Korea, 13 Jul-19 Oct 1950.

After a six-month hiatus, the base again became operational with the arrival of the first B-52B, "City of Riverside," from Castle Air Force Base on September 16, 1963. Fifteen Stratofortresses were soon in place, assigned to the revived 2nd Bomb Squadron.



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