

## 7 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

77 Air Corps Ferry Squadron constituted 30 Jan 1943

Activated, 22 Feb 1943

Redesignated 77 Transport Squadron, 1 Jul 1943

Disbanded 1 Dec 1943

Reconstituted 77 Air Transport Squadron, 16 Sep 52

Activated, 24 Sep 1952

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1955

7 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted, 28 Jan 1958

Activated, 1 Apr 1958

Inactivated, 15 Apr 1960

Activated, 1 Mar 1964

77 Air Transport Squadron and 7 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985.

Consolidated unit designated 7 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Redesignated 7 Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

Activated, 1 Jun 1992

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1993

### STATIONS

Chabua Afd, 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**

22 Ferry (Later, Transport Group), 1942-1943  
1705 Air Transport Group, 1952-20 Nov 1953  
1501 Air Transport Group, 1955  
19 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

KC-135

### **COMMANDERS**

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

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

### EMBLEM



### MOTTO

With Diligence and Swiftmess

### OPERATIONS

On 5 Mar 1974, a 7 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.

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