

75th AIR BASE WING



MISSION

The 75th Air Base Wing, one of four wings under the Ogden Air Logistics Center, supports all wings of the Ogden ALC, two fighter wings, 46 other associate units, and directly supports Air and Space Expeditionary Forces operations. The 75th Air Base Wing also has base support responsibility for the operation of the 1,500-square-mile Utah Test and Training Range.

LINEAGE

75th Observation Group, established, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 2 Mar 1942

Redesignated 75th Reconnaissance Group, 2 Apr 1943

Redesignated 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 11 Aug 1943

Disestablished, 1 May 1944

Reestablished, 17 May 1966

75 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, established activated, 17 May 1966

Organized, 1 Jul 1966

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1971

75th Tactical Reconnaissance Group and 75 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, consolidated, 31 Jan 1984

Redesignated, 75th Air Base Wing, 16 Sep 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Ellington Field, TX, 2 Mar 1942
Birmingham, AL, 9 Mar 1942
William Northern AAFld, TN, 12 Nov 1942
Key Field, MS, 17 Aug 1943-1 May 1944
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1966-15 Jul 1971
Hill AFB, UT, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942
II Air Support Command, 12 Mar 1942
III Ground Air Support (later, III Air Support
III Reconnaissance) Command, c. 24 May 1942
I Tactical Air Division, 18 Apr-1 May 1944
Tactical Air Command, 17 May 1966
835th Air Division, 1 Jul 1966
Twelfth Air Force, 24 Dec 1969-15 Jul 1971
Ogden Air Logistics Center, 1 Oct 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, B-25, DB-7
L-1, L-4, O-38
O-46
O-47
O-49
O-52, 1942- 1943
P-39
P-40
P-51, 1943-1944
RF-4, 1966-1971

COMMANDERS

Col Frederick A. Bacher, 30 Mar 1942
Col John E. Bodle, 5 Apr 1943
LTC George C. P. Gifford, 17 Sep 1943
LTC John R. Dyas, 1 Jan-1 May 1944
Col Frank C. Malone, 1 Jul 1966
BG James U. Cross, 1 Feb 1969
Col Walter F. Daniel, 28 Apr-15 Jul 1971
Col Keith A. Benett, 1 Oct 1994
Col Larry L. Wheeler, 5 Dec 1994
Col Carl L. Critchlow, 22 Jul 1996
Col Larry O. Spencer, 19 Feb 1998
Col Kenneth Page, 2 Aug 1999

Col David R. Beecroft, 10 May 2001
Col Sebastian V. Romano III, 26 Jul 2002
Col Sharon K. Dunbar, 9 Sep 2004
Col Scott D. Chambers, Feb 2006
Col Linda R. Medler, Jan 2008
Col Patrick C, Higby, 20 Apr 2009
Col Kathryn Kolbe
Col Jon Eberian

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1968-30 Apr 1969

1 Nov 1969- 31 May 1971

1 Jan 1999-31 Dec 2000

1 Jan 2001- 30 Apr 2002

1 Jan 2003-31 Dec 2004

EMBLEM

75th Observation Group emblem: Azure on a ship's crow's nest issuant from base an albatross sejant or, holding in its beak a mullet gules. (Approved, 23 Sep 1942)



75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing emblem

75th Air Base Wing emblem approved, 21 Feb 1996

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Until the fall of 1942, the group aided ground units with their training by flying reconnaissance, artillery adjustment, strafing, and dive-bombing missions. Participated in the 1942 Louisiana Maneuvers. Functioned primarily as a replacement training unit, 1943-1944. Also conducted a Ground Liaison Officer course, Jan-Apr 1944. Performed RF-4C replacement training, Feb 1967-Aug 1970, and tactical reconnaissance, Jul 1966-Jul 1971. On inactivation, the 75 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing's resources passed to the 67 TRW.

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Sources

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