

## 75<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

75<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Inactivated, 10 May 1946  
Redesignated 75<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 19 Feb 1953  
Activated, 25 Feb 1953  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Feb 1963

#### STATIONS

Ft Douglas, UT, 15 Jan 1941  
Boise, ID, 6 Jun 1941  
Portland AAB, OR, 19 Jan 1942-15 Mar 1943  
New Caledonia, 18 Apr 1943  
Guadalcanal, 26 May 1943 (operated in New Caledonia until 17 Jul 1943)  
Russell Islands, 21 Oct 1943  
Stirling Island, 20 Jan 1944  
Hollandia, New Guinea, 27 Aug 1944  
Sansapor, New Guinea, 20 Sep 1944 (operated from Morotai, 22 Feb-c. 20 Mar 1945)  
Puerto Princesa, Palawan, 22 Mar 1945  
Itami, Japan, 31 Jan-10 May 1946  
Limestone AFB, ME, 25 Feb 1953  
Griffiss AFB, NY, 15 Oct 1959-1 Feb 1963

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

42<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-10 May 1946

42<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Wing, 25 Feb 1953

4039<sup>th</sup> Strategic Wing, 15 Oct 1959-1 Feb 1963

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-18, 1941-1942

A-29, 1942

B-26, 1941-1943

B-25, 1943-1945

B-36, 1953-1956

B-52, 1956-1963

B-52C

B-52D

B-52G

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine

American Theater

China Defensive

New Guinea

Northern Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Balikpapan, Borneo, 23-30 Jun 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

## **EMBLEM**

Over and through a white disc, thin border black with black neat line, a caricatured parrot light blue violet, black, and yellow, peering through light blue telescope held in right wing, and riding a tan aerial bomb banded at the nose with two bands of light yellow, nose fuse and tail fins light blue violet; twelve yellow orange stars placed circumferentially and arranged seven and five respectively, (Approved, 22 Nov 1943)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

patrols, Antisubmarine Feb 1942-Feb 1943; sea-search missions, 18 Apr 1943-24 Jun 1943; combat in South and Southwest Pacific, 21 Jul 1943-15 Jun 1944, 3 Sep 1944-13 Aug 1945.

The 75th Bombardment Squadron was constituted the 75th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on November 20, 1940. It was activated on January 15, 1941 at Ft. Douglas, Utah and was assigned to the 42nd Bombardment Group. During World War II the 75th was assigned to numerous airfields within the United States, Australia, and the Pacific. Assigned aircraft included the B-18 (1941-1942); A-29 (1942); B-26 (1941-1943) and the B-25 (1943-1945). The 75th Bombardment Squadron was inactivated on May 10, 1946. The 75th Bombardment Squadron was redesignated 75th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on February 19, 1953. It was activated on February 25, 1953 at Limestone Air Force Base, Maine and was assigned to the 42nd Bombardment Wing. Assigned aircraft included the B-36 (1953-1956) and the B-52 (1956 - 1963). The 75th Bombardment Squadron was reassigned to the 4039th Strategic Wing, Griffiss AFB, New York on October 15, 1959. The 75th Bombardment Squadron was discontinued and inactivated on February 1, 1963.

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