



United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

24 Helicopter Squadron (AETC)

Lineage. Constituted as 24 Attack-Bombardment Squadron on 1 Aug 1939. Redesignated as 24 Bombardment Squadron (Light) on 28 Sep 1939. Activated on 1 Dec 1939. Disbanded on 1 May 1942. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the following units: 24 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium (constituted as 24 Photographic Mapping Squadron on 14 Jul 1942; activated on 2 Sep 1942; redesignated as 24 Photographic Squadron, Heavy, on 6 Feb 1943; redesignated as 24 Combat Mapping Squadron on 11 Aug 1943; inactivated on 15 Jun 1946; redesignated as 24 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, Radar Counter-Measures, on 13 May 1947; activated in the Reserve on 12 Jul 1947; inactivated on 27 Jun 1949; redesignated as 24 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Photographic, on 4 Oct 1951; activated on 10 Oct 1951; redesignated as 24 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jun 1952; inactivated on 16 Jan 1953; and redesignated as 24 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, on 16 Jan 1953); and 24 Composite Squadron (constituted as 24 Helicopter Squadron on 24 Feb 1956; activated on 9 Jul 1956; discontinued on 8 Mar 1960; redesignated as 24 Special Operations Squadron on 6 Mar 1969; activated on 18 Mar 1969; redesignated as 24 Composite Squadron on 15 Nov 1973; inactivated on 1 Jul 1975; activated on 1 Jan 1976). Redesignated as 24 Tactical Air Support Squadron on 1 Jan 1987. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1991.

Activated on 2 Mar 2018. Inactivated on 1 Jun 2022. Redesignated as 24 Helicopter Squadron on 23 Oct 2024. Activated on 6 Dec 2024.

Assignments. 23 Composite Group (later, Air Corps Proving Ground Detachment; Air Forces Proving Ground Group), 1 Dec 1939-1 May 1942. 5 Photographic (later, 5 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; 5 Photographic Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Sep 1942; Third Air Force, 9 Oct 1943; III Reconnaissance Command, 12 Oct 1943; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, 26 Dec 1943 (attached to 5306 Photographic and Reconnaissance Group [Provisional], 26 Dec 1943-17 Jan 1944; and to Tenth Air Force, 17 Jan-7 Mar 1944); Tenth Air Force, 7 Mar 1944; 8 Photographic (later, 8 Reconnaissance) Group, 25 Apr 1944; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, 20 Sep 1945; Thirteenth Air Force, 28 Jan 1946; 313 Bombardment Wing, 1 Apr-15 Jun 1946. 68 Reconnaissance Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949. 68 Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 10 Oct 1951 (attached to 68 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, 10 Oct 1951-15 Jun 1952); 68 Bombardment Wing, Medium, 16 Jun 1952-16 Jan 1953. Eighteenth Air Force, 9 Jul 1956; 315 Air Division (Combat Cargo), 13 Oct 1956-8 Mar 1960. 24 Special Operations Wing (later, 24 Special Operations Group; 24 Composite Group), 18 Mar 1969-1 Jul 1975. 24 Composite Wing 1 Jan 1976; USAF Southern Air Division, 31 Jan 1987; 24 Composite Wing, 1 Jan 1989; Air Forces Panama, 15 Feb-31 Mar 1991. 57 Operations Group, 2 Mar 2018-1 Jun 2022. 58 Operations Group on 6 Dec 2024-.

Stations. Maxwell Field, AL, 1 Dec 1939; Orlando, FL, 2 Sep 1940; Eglin Field, FL, 29 Jun 1941-1 May 1942. Colorado Springs, CO, 2 Sep 1942; Will Rogers Field, OK, 13 Oct 1943; Camp Anza, CA, 11-18 Nov 1943; Guskhara, India, 5 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Hsinching, China, 27 Apr-c. 1 Jul 1944; Liuchow, China, 10 Jul-22 Sep 1944; and Chanyi, China, 22 Sep 1944-17 Feb 1945; elements at Hsinching, China, Oct-Nov 1944, and Pangshan,

China, Nov 1944); Tulihal and Cox's Bazar, India, Feb-c. Apr 1945 (air echelon at Clark Field, Philippines after 18 Dec 1945); Calcutta, India, 23 Dec 1945; Kanchrapara, India, 27 Dec 1945-17 Jan 1946; Clark Field, Philippines, 29 Jan-15 Jun 1946 (detachment at Sydney, Australia, Jan-15 Jun 1946). Hamilton Field (later, Hamilton AFB), CA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949. Lake Charles, LA, 10 Oct 1951-16 Jan 1953. Sewart AFB, TN, 9 Jul-25 Sep 1956; Itami AB, Japan, 10 Oct 1956; Showa AS, Japan, 1 Jul 1957-8 Mar 1960. Albrook AFB, CZ, 18 Mar 1969; Howard AFB, CZ, 1 Jul 1970-1 Jul 1975. Howard AFB, CZ (later, Howard AB, Panama), 1 Jan 1976-31 Mar 1991. Nellis AFB, NV, 2 Mar 2018-1 Jun 2022. Maxwell AFB, AL, 6 Dec 2024-.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* India-Burma; Central Burma; China Defensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. Panama, 1989-1990.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1957-1 Aug 1958; 18 Mar 1969-13 Apr 1970; 2 Jun-3 Jul 1970; 16 Mar 1971-15 Mar 1973; 1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978; 1 Apr 1982-31 Mar 1984; 20 Dec 1989-14 Feb 1991.



Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 27 Mar 2025.

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