



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

703 Helicopter Squadron (AFRC)

Lineage. Constituted as 703 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Mar 1943. Activated on 1 Apr 1943. Redesignated as 703 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, on 25 Sep 1944. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945. Redesignated as 703 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserves on 1 Jan 1948. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 703 Tactical Air Support Squadron (Helicopter) which was constituted as 703 Tactical Air Support Squadron, and activated, on 13 Feb 1967. Organized on 3 Apr 1967. Redesignated as: 703 Special Operation Squadron on 15 Apr 1969; 703 Tactical Air Support Squadron (Helicopter) on 5 Nov 1971. Inactivated on 1 Jun 1988. Redesignated as 703 Helicopter Squadron on 20 Jun 2024. Activated on 20 Jul 2024.

Assignments. 445 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1943-12 Sep 1945. 445 Bombardment Group, 1 Jan 1948; 452 Bombardment Group, 28 May 1948-27 Jun 1949. Tactical Air Command, 13 Feb 1967; 507 Tactical Control Group, 3 Apr 1967; 68 Tactical Air Support Group, 15 Jan 1970; 507 Tactical Air Control Group (later, 507 Tactical Air Control Wing), 15 Jun 1974-1 Jun 1988. 908 Operations Group, 20 Jul 2024-.

Stations. Gowen Field, ID, 1 Apr 1943; Wendover Field, UT, 8 Jun 1943; Sioux City AAB, IA, 8 Jul-20 Oct 1943; Tibenham, England, 2 Nov 1943-30 May 1945; Fort Dix AAB, NJ, 9 Jun-12 Sep 1945. McChord Field, WA, 1 Jan 1948; Fresno, CA, 6 Jul 1948-27 Jun 1949. Shaw AFB, SC, 3 Apr 1967-1 Jun 1988. Maxwell AFB, AL, 20 Jul 2024-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Award: Germany, 24 Feb 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 10-14 Feb 1973; 16 Jun 1974-15 Jun 1975; 16 Jun 1975-31 May 1977; 1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983; 1 May 1983-30 Apr 1985; 1 May 1985-30 Apr 1987. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: Dec 1943-Feb 1945.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 17 Mar 2025.

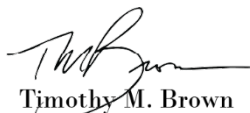
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