



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

HQ, 96 Test Wing (AFMC)

Lineage. Constituted as HQ, 96 Bombardment Group, Heavy, on 28 Jan 1942. Activated on 15 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 21 Dec 1945. Redesignated as 96 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 29 May 1947. Inactivated on 27 Jun 1949. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 96 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, which was established on 23 Mar 1953. Redesignated as 96 Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 6 Nov 1953. Activated on 18 Nov 1953. Redesignated as: 96 Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 Apr 1962; 96 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 31 Mar 1972; 96 Wing on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1993. Redesignated as 96 Air Base Wing on 10 Mar 1994. Activated on 15 Mar 1994. Redesignated as 96 Test Wing on 18 Jul 2012.

Assignments. Second Air Force, 15 Jul 1942-c. 4 Apr 1943; 4 Bombardment Wing (later, 4 Combat Bombardment Wing), c. 14 Apr 1943 (attached to: 401 Provisional Combat Wing, 6-19 Jun 1943; 403 Provisional Combat Wing, 20 Jun-13 Sep 1943); 45 Combat Bombardment Wing, 14 Sep 1943; 3 Air Division, 18 Jun 1945; 1 Air Division, 12 Aug 1945; 3 Air Division, 28 Sep-12 Dec 1945; New York Port of Embarkation, 20-21 Dec 1945. 19 Bombardment Wing (later, 19 Air Division, Bombardment), 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949. Eighth Air Force, 18 Nov 1953; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955 (attached to 3 Air Division, 10 Jan-7 Apr 1957); 819 Air (later, 819 Strategic Aerospace) Division, 3 Sep 1957; 19 Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 12 Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jul 1988; Eighth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1993. Air Force Development Test Center (later, Air Armament Center), 15 Mar 1994 (attached to Air Force Test Center, 18 Jul 2012); Air Force Test Center, 1 Oct 2012-.

Operational Components. *Groups.* 96 Operations: 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1993; 1 Oct 2012-. *Squadrons.* 4 Strategic Support: 1 Sep 1959-15 Mar 1961. 11 Air Refueling: attached 16 Dec 1957-Mar 1958. 96 Air

Refueling: 18 Nov 1953-3 Dec 1957 (detached 5 Oct-20 Nov 1954, 1 Aug-14 Sep 1955, 18-31 Jan 1956, 25 Jun-9 Oct 1956, and 10 Jan-7 Apr 1957). **321** Air Refueling: attached 3 Jul-8 Nov 1954. **337** Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942-29 Nov 1945; 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949; 18 Nov 1953-15 Mar 1963; 15 Sep 1963-1 Sep 1991. **338** Bombardment (later, 338 Strategic Bombardment Training; 338 Combat Crew Training): 15 Jul 1942-15 Dec 1945; 29 May-8 Oct 1947; 18 Nov 1953-15 Mar 1963; 1 Jul 1986-1 Sep 1991. **339** Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942-29 Nov 1945; 29 May-8 Oct 1947; 18 Nov 1953-15 Mar 1963. **380** Air Refueling: attached 8 Nov 1954-1 Apr 1955. **413** Bombardment: 15 Jul 1942-19 Dec 1945; 17 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949; 1 Nov 1958-1 Jan 1962. **546** Bombardment: 16 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949. **547** Bombardment: 16 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949. **578** Strategic Missile: 1 Jul 1961-25 Mar 1965. **917** Air Refueling: attached 1-14 Jan 1965, assigned 15 Jan 1965-1 Sep 1991. **4018** Combat Crew Training: 15 Mar 1985-1 Jul 1986.

Stations. Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942; Gowen Field, ID, 6 Aug 1942; Walla Walla AAB, WA, 14 Aug 1942 (ground echelon), 1 Sep 1942 (air echelon); Rapid City AAB, SD, 30 Sep 1942; Pocatello AAB, ID, 1 Nov 1942; Pyote AAB, TX, 3 Jan-Mar 1943; Great Saling, England, May 1943; Snetterton Heath, England, 12 Jun 1943-12 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20-21 Dec 1945. Gunter Field (later, AFB), AL, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949. Altus AFB, OK, 18 Nov 1953; Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Sep 1957-1 Oct 1993. Eglin AFB, FL, 15 Mar 1994-.

Service Streamers. None.

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Germany, 17 Aug 1943; Poznan, Poland, 9 Apr 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1959-31 Dec 1960; 1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975; 30 May 1990-29 May 1992; 1 Dec 1994-30 Nov 1995; 1 Jan 2001-31 Dec 2002; 1 Jan 2011-1 May 2012; 1 Jan 2014-31 Dec 2015; 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018. Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan-31 Dec 2023.

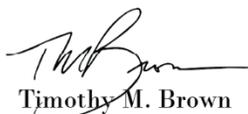
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