

11 WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

11 Observation Group established, 1 Oct 1933

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Group (Medium), 1 Jan 1938

Activate, 1 Feb 1940

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Group (Heavy), 1 Dec 1940

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Group, Heavy, 3 Aug 1944

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, 30 Apr 1946

Inactivated, 20 Oct 1948

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Group, Heavy and activated, 1 Dec 1948

Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated 11 Strategic Group, 25 Oct 1978

Activated, 15 Nov 1978

11 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, established, 18 Nov 1948

Activated, 16 Feb 1951

Redesignated 11 Strategic Aerospace Wing, 1 Apr 1962

Redesignated 11 Air Refueling Wing, 2 Jul 1968

Inactivated, 25 Mar 1969

11 Bombardment Wing, Heavy and 11 Strategic Group consolidated, 31 Mar 1982

Consolidated unit retained designation 11 Strategic Group and inactivated, 7 Aug 1990

Redesignated 11 Support Wing, 2 Jun 1994

Activated, 15 Jul 1994
Redesignated 11 Wing, 1 Mar 1995

STATIONS

Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii, 1 Feb 1940
New Hebrides, 22 Jul 1942
Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii, 8 Apr 1943
Funafuti, Ellice Islands, 9 Nov 1943
Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 14 Jan 1944
Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, 5 Apr 1944
Guam, Marianas Islands, 25 Oct 1944
Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, Jul 1945
Fort McKinley, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 11 Dec 1945
Northwest AAB (later, Harmon Field), Guam, 15 May 1946-20 Oct 1948
Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1948
Altus AFB, OK, 13 Dec 1957-25 Mar 1969
RAF Fairford, England, 15 Nov 1978-7 Aug 1990
Bolling AFB, DC, 15 Jul 1994
Andrews AFB, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

11 Group
18 (later, 18 Bombardment) Wing, 1 Feb 1940
VII Bomber Command, 29 Jan 1942
XIII Bomber Command, c. 5 Jan 1943
VII Bomber Command, 8 Apr 1943
Far East Air Forces, 23 Nov 1945
Twentieth Air Force, 15 May 1946-20 Oct 1948
Eighth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948
11 Bombardment Wing, 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952
7 Air Division, 15 Nov 1978 to consolidation

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19 Air Division, 16 Feb 1951
Second Air Force, 13 Dec 1957
816 Air (later, 816 Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1958
819 Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965
19 Air Division, 2 Jul 1966-25 Mar 1969

Consolidated Unit

7 Air Division, from consolidation in 1982 to 7 Aug 1990
HQ USAF, 15 Jul 1994

ATTACHMENTS

7 Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1948-15 Feb 1951
5 Air Division, 4 May-2 Jul 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1940-1942
B-17, 1941-1943
B-24, 1943-1945
B-29, 1946
B-36, 1949-1957
KC-97, 1957-1958
B-52, 1958-1968
KC-135, 1958-1969
Atlas, 1961-1965
KC-135, 1979-1990
KC-10, 1984-1990

COMMANDERS

11 Group
Lt Col Walter F. Kraus, Feb 1940
Lt Col St Clair Streett, 15 Jun 1940
Lt Col Albert F. Hegenberger, 1 Apr 1941
Col Laverne G. Saunders, Mar 1942
Col Frank F. Everest, Dec 1942
Col William J. Holzapfel, Jr., 26 Apr 1943
Col Russell L. Waldron, 7 Jul 1944
Col John J. Morrow, 1 Mar-11 Dec 1945
None (Not Manned), 11 Dec 1945-14 May 1946
Unkn, 15-19 May 1946
Col Vincent M. Miles, Jr., 20 May 1946
Cpt Thomas A. Ragland, Jr., 15 Nov 1946 (Additional Duty)
Cpt Thomas B. Hoxie, 27 Dec 1947-20 Oct 1948 (Additional Duty)
Maj Russell F. Ireland, Dec 1948
Lt Col Harry E. Goldsworthy, 11 Jan 1949
Col Richard H. Carmichael, May 1949
Col Bertram C. Harrison, 4 Mar 1950
Col Thomas P. Gerrity, 3 Apr 1950
Col Louis W. Rohr, 16 Feb 1951 (Additional Duty)
Lt Col Charles T. Moreland, Jr., Oct 1951-16 Jun 1952 (Additional Duty)
None (Not Manned), 15 Nov 1978-23 Feb 1979
Col Clyde F. Dunn, Jr., 24 Feb 1979
Col Charles A. May, Jr., 21 Mar 1980
Col Robert M. Alexander, 10 Jul 1981
Col Michael F. Farren, 18 Mar 1982 To Consolidation

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Brig Gen Thomas P. Gerrity, 16 Feb 1951
Col Louis W. Rohr, 15 Nov 1952
Col William T. Seawell, 2 Mar 1953
Col Howard W. Moore, 7 Aug 1954
Col John S. Samuel, 16 Jul 1957
Col Frederick R. Ramputi, 5 Sep 1958
Col Bernard J. Finan, Jr., 15 Jul 1961
Col Kenneth S. Steele, 1 Aug 1961
Brig Gen William B. Kyes, 4 Mar 1963
Col Merrill N. Moore, 1 Jan 1965
Col Earl S. Kimbell, Jul 1965
Col Harold A. Radetsky, 2 Aug 1965
Col Earl S. Kimbell, 5 Jul 1966
Col Raymond J. Bryan, 8 Jul 1966
Col Raymond R. Deitch, 11 Jul 1966
Col Joseph J. Young, 29 Jun 1967-25 Mar 1969

Consolidated Unit

Col Michael F. Farren, from consolidation in 1982
Col Lynn T. Berringer, 24 Jul 1984
Col John D. Lunt, 20 Feb 1985
Col James F. McKeon, 27 Jul 1987
Col Robert H. Ogden, Jr., 28 Jul 1987-7 Aug 1990
Col Stevan B. Richards, 15 Jul 1994
Col Steven A. Roser, 27 Jul 1994
Col Peter U. Sutton, 26 Jun 1996
Col Duane W. Deal, 16 Jan 1998
Col James P. Hunt, 10 May 2000
Col William A. Chambers, 6 Nov 2001
Brig Gen Duane A. Jones, 22 Jan 2004
Col Merri B. Uckert, 14 Apr 2006
Col Kurt F. Neubauer, 9 Jun 2006
Col Brad Hoagland, #2015
Col Catherine M. Logan, Sep 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Central Pacific
Air Offensive, Japan
Guadalcanal

Northern Solomons
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
South Pacific, 31 Jul-30 Nov 1942

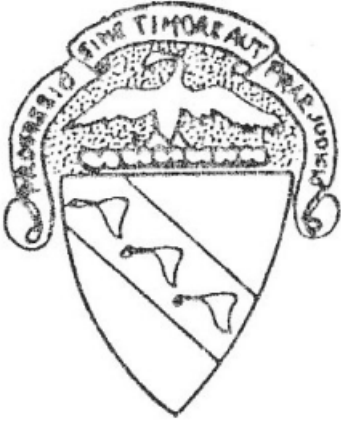
Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)
South Pacific, 7 Aug-9 Dec 1942

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

6 Aug 1954-15 Jul 1957
27 Oct 1958-16 Sep 1960
1 Jul 1979-30 Jun 1981
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989
1 Nov 1995-31 Oct 1997
1 Nov 1997-31 Oct 1999
1 Nov 1999-31 Oct 2001
1 Nov 2001-31 Oct 2003
1 Nov 2003-31 Oct 2005

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
[15 Jul] 1994-31 Oct 1995

EMBLEM



11 Strategic Aerospace Wing emblem: A shield Azure, on a bend Or three geese proper, all within a diminished bordure of the second. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The diagonal band across the shield is symbolic

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11 Strategic Group emblem

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MOTTO

PROGRESSIO SINE TIMORE AUT PRAEJUDICIO—Progress without Fear or Prejudice

THE CHIEF'S OWN

OPERATIONS

Trained with B-18s; received B-17s for operations. The B-17s that arrived on Hawaii before the attack on Pearl Harbor went to the 5th Bombardment Group.

Flew patrol and search missions off Hawaii after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Moved to the New Hebrides in Jul 1942. Became part of Thirteenth AF. Struck airfields, supply dumps, ships, docks, troop positions, and other objectives in the South Pacific, Jul-Nov 1942, and received a DUC for those operations.

Continued operations, attacking Japanese airfields, installations, and shipping in the Solomons, until late in Mar 1943. Returned to Hawaii, reassigned to Seventh AF, and trained with B-24's. Resumed combat in Nov 1943 and participated in the Allied offensive through the Gilberts, Marshalls, and Marianas, while operating from Funafuti, Tarawa, and Kwajalein. Moved to Guam in Oct 1944 and attacked shipping and airfields in the Volcano and Bonin Islands.

Moved to Okinawa in Jul 1945 to take part in the final phases of the air offensive against Japan, bombing railways, airfields, and harbor facilities on Kyushu and striking airfields in China. After the war, flew reconnaissance and surveillance missions to China and ferried liberated prisoners of war from Okinawa to Luzon.

Remained in the theater as part of Far East Air Forces but had no personnel assigned after mid-Dec 1945 when the group was transferred to the Philippines. Terminated training and operations in Oct 1946.

From Dec 1948 through mid-1952, conducted B-36 training. When activated in Feb 1951, the wing obtained its resources from the group.

The 11 Bombardment Wing conducted strategic bombardment training, 1951-1968. Deployed at Nouasseur AB, French Morocco, 4 May-2 Jul 1955. Won the SAC Bombing Competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1954, 1956 and 1960.

Added air refueling to its mission in Dec 1957. Gained a strategic missile squadron in Jun 1961. Phased out Atlas missiles in Jan 1965 and B-52s in mid-1968, completing its final nine months of activation as an aerial refueling wing. The 11 Strategic Group received its first KC-135 in Sep 1979 and began aerial refueling support for USAF operations, deployments and redeployments, as well as participating in NATO exercises, until 1990. Aircraft, aircrews and crew chiefs on temporary duty to the European Tanker Task Force on a rotational basis operated out of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Keflavik, Iceland; Zaragoza, Spain; Lajes Field, Azores; Sigonella NAS, Italy; and Hellenikon, Greece.

Served as the support organization for HQ USAF after activation. The 11 Wing maintains the 11 Operations Group, which consists of the USAF Band, USAF Honor Guard and Arlington Chaplain, and also the 11 Mission Support Group.

The Air Force last week shifted its historic 11 Wing from Bolling AFB, D.C., to JB Andrews, Md. The unit assumes the duties of Andrews' 316th Wing, including Presidential support. On 1 Oct 2010, Andrews officials inactivated the 316th Wing as the 11 Wing moved from Bolling. The 11 Wing's transfer occurred as part of the BRAC 2005-mandated merger of Bolling with Anacostia Naval Station, creating JB Anacostia-Bolling, D.C. Completed on 30 Sep, this merger put the Navy in charge of the base's operations, including security and law enforcement. Rather than retire the 11 Wing's colors, the Air Force moved it to Andrews.

Leaders turned the first shovel on the construction of a \$22 million helicopter operations facility at JB Andrews, Md., Nov. 2. The building will bring the 1st Helicopter Squadron and the 811 Operations Support Squadron, both based at Andrews, under the same roof. "This project will make our airmen more efficient at a job they already excel at," 11 Wing Commander Col. Brad Hoagland. "Pooling all of our resources and personnel for the 811 [Operations Group] just makes sense," he added. The future two-story, 66,000 square-foot facility will include combined administrative offices, planning and briefing rooms, flight simulators, a fitness center, and other amenities, stated building contractor Haskell. Construction was slated to begin earlier this summer and wrap up at the end of 2016. The 1st HS, which is primarily tasked with executive airlift in and around the National Capital Region, flies the UH-1N helicopter.²



Brig Gen William B. Kyes

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