

29th ATTACK SQUADRON

LINEAGE

13 Observation Squadron (Medium) constituted, 5 Feb 1942
Activated, 10 Mar 1942
Redesignated 13th Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Redesignated 13th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 1 Apr 1943
Redesignated 13th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Redesignated 29th Reconnaissance Squadron (Night Photographic), 25 Jan 1946
Inactivated, 29 Jul 1946
Redesignated 29th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (Photo-Jet), 14 Jan 1954
Activated, 18 Mar 1954
Redesignated 29th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Oct 1966
Inactivated, 24 Jan 1971
Redesignated 29th Attack Squadron 20 Oct 2009
Activated, 23 Oct 2009

STATIONS

Brooks Field, TX, 2 Mar 1942
Lawson Field, GA, 8 Mar 1942
DeRidder AAB, LA, 10 Apr 1942
Esler Field, LA, 13 Dec 1942
Desert Center Airdrome, CA, 28 Dec 1942
Morris Field, NC, 24 Sep 1943
Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, 5 Nov 1943
DeRidder AAB, LA, 19 Apr 1944
Stuttgart AAFld, AR, 7 Feb 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 8 Dec 1945-29 Jul 1946
Shaw AFB, SC, 18 Mar 1954-24 Jan 1971
Holloman AFB, NM, 23 Oct 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

74th Observation (later, Reconnaissance, Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Mar 1942
XIX Tactical Air Command, 7 Nov 1945
69th Reconnaissance Group, 25 Jan-29 Jul 1946
432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 18 Mar 1954
432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Feb 1958

363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18 May 1959
4403rd Tactical Training Group (Recon), 1 Jul 1966
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 20 Jan 1968-24 Jan 1971
49th Operations Group, 23 Oct 2009

ATTACHMENTS

69th Reconnaissance Group, 7 Nov 1945
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Apr-17 May 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-52
L-4
P-39, 1943-1944
P-40, 1944-1945
P-51/F-6, 1945-1946
B-25, 1946
A-26, 1946
RF-80, 1955
RF-84, 1955-1958
RF-101, 1957-1971
MQ-9, 2009

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

None 2-9 Mar 1942
Lt George A. Key, 10 Mar 1942
None, 7-17 Apr 1942
Cpt Ritchie P. Stimson, 18 Apr 1942
Unknown, 23 Oct 1942
Cpt Ritchie P. Stimson, 17 Jun 1943
Cpt William I. Williams. c. 24 Sep 1943
Maj Ritchie P. Stimson, c. Nov 1943
Cpt William I. Williams, c. Dec 1943
Maj Ritchie P. Stimson, 6 Apr 1944
Cpt Glenn E. Davis, 1 Jan 1945
Maj John Aitken Jr., 28 Feb 1945
Cpt Charles E. Simpson 25 May 1945
Maj Powell G. Potts, 28 May 1945
Cpt Charles E. Simpson, 25 Jun 1945
Cpt Maury K. Moore, 26 Jul 1945
Cpt Edward F. Kelly III, 6 Aug 1945

Maj John Aitken Jr., 17 Sep 1945
Maj Merritt G. Garner, 20 Dec 1945
LTC Robert T. Simpson, 18 Jan 1946
Maj Merritt G. Garner, 1 Jul-29 Jul 1946
Cpt Lloyd L. Dunlap Jr., 18 Mar 1954
Maj Dean D. Cox, 23 Mar 1954
Maj Donald F. DeCamp, 1 Aug 1954
LTC Harold F. Cline, 17 Aug 1954
Maj Cecil T. Bush, 2 Apr 1956
LTC Harold F. Cline, c. 5 Oct 1956
Maj Cecil T. Bush, c. Jul 1957
LTC Louis Benne, c. 8 Apr 1959
LTC Leonard Kaufmann Jr., 1 Mar 1960
LTC Arthur G. Durbeck, 2 Feb 1961
Maj Robert D. Ingalls, 13 Dec 1961
LTC Joe M. O'Grady, 22 Mar 1962
LTC Robert O. Crabtree, 22 Dec 1962
Maj Robert D. Johnson, 10 Jan 1964
LTC Raymond A. Lowery, 31 Nov 1964
LTC Delbert J. Light, unknown;
Maj James B. Murphy, 1 May 1966
LTC Richard W. Rauch, 14 Sep 1966
LTC Colin J. Walker, 30 Apr 1967
LTC Alvar B. Wallin, 14 Jul 1967
LTC Thomas D. Alexander, 31 Aug 1969-24 Jan 1971
LTC James S. Merchant, 23 Oct 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
23 Oct-24 Nov 1962.

EMBLEM

On a disc white, edged black, a Thunderbird, of Indian design, turquoise, marked with red, yellow, and white abstract symbols, his eye white, all outlines and detail black. (Approved, 12 Dec 1956)

Emblem. Approved on 12 Dec 1956. Squadron should revise emblem to meet the standards of AFI 84-104, chapter 3.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Upon activation, trained and supplied individual reconnaissance pilot replacements for overseas assignments until inactivation in 1946. Trained and conducted reconnaissance operations to provide visual and photographic information on the location, movement and activities of friendly and enemy forces, flying various types of photo-reconnaissance aircraft, 1954-1971. Trained officers as pilots and enlisted personnel as sensor operators for flight operations of the MQ-9 Reaper.

Reaper Mishap at Holloman: An MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft assigned to the 29th Attack Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M., crashed this week, becoming the second RPA mishap at the desert base since Oct. 22. The Reaper crashed on landing Wednesday evening after returning from a training mission, according to Holloman officials. There were no injuries or property damage in the incident. Back on Oct. 22, an MQ-1 Predator, assigned to Holloman's 6th Reconnaissance Squadron, also crashed on landing after a routine training mission. These two accidents are under investigation. By our count, this is the third RPA crash at Holloman since the base's RPA schoolhouse assumed operations in September 2009. Oct, 2010

Maneuvers and demonstrations for training of ground forces, 1942-1945

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460709	A-26B	44-34108	29NPRS	69TRG	Brooks Fld, TX	TOA	Crabtree, Jean E	Tinker Fld
460413	TF-6D-25NT	44-84784	29RS	69TRG	Brooks Fld, TX	KCR	Robitschek, Arthur V	Municipal Apt/ 12mi N
460511	A-26C	44-35320	29TRS	69TRG	Brooks Fld, TX	TOA	Patton, William H	Palm Springs AAF

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430304	L-4A	42-36503	13 Obsn	74 Obsn	AAB, Desert Center, CA	TOA	Veit, Fred R	Sunflower Springs, CA
430329	L-1A	41-19028	13 Obsn	74 Obsn	Desert Center, CA	LAC	Cathcart, Glenn H Jr	Essex, CA
430610	O-52	40-2868	13 Recon	74 Recon	Desert Center AAF, CA	KDTC	Warner, Fred E	Into Salton Sea, CA
430614	P-39N	42-18722	13 Recon	74 Recon	AAB, Desert Center, CA	BOSSP	Clifton, Frank A	2 Mi E Camp Coxcomb, CA
430616	P-39Q	42-19680	13 Recon	74 Recon	Desert Center, CA	KSSP	Rogers, William W	3 Mi SW Hopkins Wells, CA
430624	RP-43E	41-31498	13 Recon	74 Recon	Desert Field, CA	LACMF	Turner, Robert E	AAB, Desert Center, CA
430809	O-52	40-2874	13 Recon	74 Recon	AAB, Desert Center, CA	LACMF	Mueller, Eugene H Jr	AAB, Desert Center, CA
430818	P-39N	42-18718	13 Recon	74 Recon	Desert Center, CA	BLMF	Barry, Norman C	AAB, Desert Center, CA
430822	O-52	40-2756	13 Tac Recon	74 Recon	Desert Center, CA	LACMF	Warner, Fred E	AAB, Desert Center, CA
430823	P-39Q	42-19666	13 Tac Recon	74 Recon	Desert Center, CA	LACMF	Soules, James H	AAB, Desert Center, CA



Air Force Order of Battle

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