

42 TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

2 Sea-Search Attack Squadron (Medium) constituted, 8 Jun 1942

Activated, 17 Jun 1942

Redesignated 2 Sea-Search Attack Squadron (Heavy), 24 Jun 1943

Redesignated 2 Search Attack Squadron (Heavy), 22 Nov 1943

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

942 Forward Air Control Squadron constituted 18 Mar 1953

Activated, 20 Jun 1953

Inactivated, 8 Mar 1954

2 Search Attack Squadron (Heavy) reconstituted and consolidated with 942 Forward Air Control Squadron, consolidated unit redesignated, 42 Tactical Missile Squadron, 19 Sep 1985

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 17 Jun 1942-10 Apr 1944 (operated from Key West, FL, 17-23 Aug 1942, and Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 20 Sep-21 Oct 1942)

Chuncheon, Korea, 20 Jun 1953-8 Mar 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Sea-Search Attack Group (later Sea-Search Attack Unit; Search Attack Group), 17 Jun 1942-10 Apr 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-25, 1942

B-18, 1942-1943

B-24 1943-1944

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through a blue disc, wide border yellow, a caricatured winged aircraft light green, wings yellow, tipped red, eyes blue, nose and tongue red, arms tan, grasping a red aerial bomb in left hand, and reaching with right hand for a black periscope breaking blue-green water surface in base, all in front of a white cloud formation. (Approved, 9 Jan 1943)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Tested electronic equipment and trained crews for its use in antisubmarine operations; antisubmarine patrols, Jul 1942 until late 1943.

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