

Lineage and Honors History
of the
461st Operations Group (ACC)

Lineage.

Established as 461st Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 19 May 1943.
Activated on 1 Jul 1943. Inactivated on 28 Aug 1945.

Redesignated as 461st Bombardment Group, Light, on 11 Dec 1953.
Activated on 23 Dec 1953.

Redesignated as 461st Bombardment Group, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955.
Inactivated on 8 Jan 1958.

Redesignated as 416st Operations Group on 1 Sep 2011. Activated on
1 Oct 2011.

Assignments.

Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1943;

Fourth Air Force, 30 Oct 1943;

IV Fighter Command, 7 Nov 1943;

55th Bombardment Wing, 5 Feb 1944;

49th Bombardment Wing, 14 Mar 1944-Jul 1945;

Second Air Force, c. 22 Jul-28 Aug 1945.

461st Bombardment Wing, 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan 1958.

461st Air Control Wing, 1 Oct 2011-.

Operational Components. *Squadrons.*

12th Airborne Command and Control: 1 Oct 2011-.

16th Airborne Command and Control: 1 Oct 2011-.

330th Combat Training: 1 Oct 2011-.

764th Bombardment: 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945; 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan
1958.

765th Bombardment: 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945; 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan
1958.

766th Bombardment: 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945; 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan 1958.

767th Bombardment: 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945.

Stations.

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Jul 1943;
Gowen Field, ID, 29 Jul 1943;
Kearns AAB, UT, 11 Sep 1943;
Wendover Field, UT, 30 Sep 1943;
Hammer Field, CA, 30 Oct 1943-Jan 1944;
Torretta Airfield, Italy, c. 20 Feb 1944-Jul 1945;
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 22 Jul-28 Aug 1945.
Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1953;
Blytheville AFB, AR, 8 Feb 1956-8 Jan 1958.
Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 2011-.

Commanders.

Unkn, 1 Jul-11 Aug 1943;
Lt. Col. William G. Carter, 12 Aug 1943;
Col. Frederic E. Glantzberg, 25 Oct 1943;
Col. Philip R. Hawes, 22 Sep 1944;
Col. Brooks A. Lawhon, 20 Dec 1944;
Col. Craven C. Rogers, 16 Apr 1945-unkn.
Maj. Gordon Baker, 11 Dec 1953;
Lt. Col. Donald F. Blake, 4 Feb 1954;
Lt. Col. Robert F. Price, 20 Feb 1954;
Col. Maxwell W. Roman, 14 Jul 1954;
Lt. Col. John A. McVey, 1 Jul 1955;
Lt. Col. William F. Furman, c. 1 Aug 1955;
Col. Robert W. Paulson, 1 Jul 1956;
Lt. Col. Lawrence M. McNally, 10 Jun 1957;

Maj. William K. Bush, 12 Jun 1957;
Col. John D. Bridges, 20 Jun 1957;
Maj. Charles F. Wolfe, 21 Jun 1957;
Col. John D. Bridges, 29 Jun 1957;
Lt. Col. Charles Cook, 16 Sep 1957;
Col. John D. Bridges, 25 Sep 1957-unkn.

Aircraft.

B-24, 1943-1945.
B-26, 1953-1955;
B-57, 1955-1958.

Operations.

Combat in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO) and the European Theater of Operations (ETO), Apr 1944-Apr 1945.
Received two Distinguished Unit Citations (DUCs): on 13 Apr 1944 for attacking an aircraft components factory in Budapest, Hungary; and on 15 Jul 1944 for attacking oil facilities at Ploesti, Rumania.
Dropped supplies to prisoner of war (POW) camps in Austria, May 1945. Conducted combat training in B-26s before converting to B-57s, 1953-1958.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:*

Air Combat, EAME Theater;
Air Offensive, Europe;
Rome-Arno; Normandy;
Northern France;
Southern France;
North Apennines;
Rhineland;
Central Europe;
Po Valley.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations.

Distinguished Unit Citations: Budapest, Hungary, 13 Apr 1944;
Ploesti, Rumania, 15 Jul 1944.