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in honor of

**75TH BOMB SQUADRON (M)
42ND BOMB GROUP (M)
13TH AIR FORCE**



The 75th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) was constituted in November 1940 and activated on 15 January 1941 at Fort Douglas, Utah. Most notably, the squadron flew combat missions in the B-26 and B-25 during World War II in the South and Southwest Pacific, participating in many campaigns including the China Defensive, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Leyte and Southern Philippines. The 75th Squadron's decorations include the Distinguished Unit Citation: Balikpapan, Borneo, 23-30 June 1945 and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. The Squadron was in continuous service as part of the 42nd Bombardment Group until it was inactivated in May 1946.

June 1941 saw the squadron newly located in Boise, Idaho. The selective service act was just getting into full swing and the squadron had its share of new recruits to whip into shape. In short order, the squadron was combat ready. They moved out to Portland, Oregon, where they flew antisubmarine patrols for one year beginning in February 1942. The squadron gained a reputation for dedication and hard work. Other organizations, assigned to the 75th for short periods of time, often requested return to the 75th.

In March 1942, the unit shipped out to the South Pacific. It was here that the squadron honorably served in sea-search missions and combat. As a unit of the overstrength 42nd Bomb Group (The Crusaders), it was based at Guadalcanal, Hollandia and Sansapor in New Guinea, at Morotai in the Halmaheras and at Palawan in the Philippines. Altogether the 75th flew 494 missions with 2829 sorties both bombing and strafing.

The squadron was reactivated and redesignated in February 1953 as the 75th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) and positioned at Limestone AFB, Maine flying B-36's. The 75th then flew B-52's and was moved to Griffiss AFB, New York before being once again deactivated in February 1963.

This grant was established in November 1988 to commemorate those who so honorably served with the 75th Bomb Squadron.