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Thread: [Cold War Bomber B-52 Gets New Lease on Life Amid U.S. Tensions with China, Russia](#)

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<https://www.newsweek.com/cold-war-bomber-b-52-gets-new-lease-life-amid-us-tensions-china-russia-1659367>

This is a fascinating read.

"First flown nearly seven decades ago in 1952, the B-52 Stratofortress has been in continuous service with the U.S. Air Force since 1955. The heavy bomber pioneered the aerial leg of the U.S. military's nuclear triad of air, land and sea delivery systems, and it's set to receive some refurbishments to keep it operational until at least the middle of this century.

That extension will give it a roughly 100-year run in the skies with a seemingly ever-evolving capacity."

"No other combat aircraft can deliver such a large payload, farther and faster," Wong said. "The B-52 can, with inflight refueling, strike at any point on the globe within hours, from home bases. No other country has that capability. The B-52 alone has ability to carry outsized future weapons on its wing pylons and deliver those weapons worldwide. That's why the U.S. Air Force is modernizing the aircraft to serve another three decades

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I always liked the B-52. I'll never forget the video of the Fairchild B-52 crash, which was caused by a dangerously negligent pilot who was training for the upcoming airshow. He killed his superior officer, who flew with the pilot because reportedly everyone else refused to do so.

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<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/411139/uss-portland-tests-high-energy-laser-weapon-system-gulf-ad-en>

"USS Portland Tests High Energy Laser Weapon System in Gulf of Aden"

This is some cool shit they have.