

## 321<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON



### MISSION

321st Special Tactics Squadron provides a fast reaction, rapidly deployable force capable of establishing and providing positive control of the air to ground interface during special operations or conventional missions. Unit combat controllers and pararescuemen conduct the reconnaissance, surveillance, assessment and establishment of assault zone sites and provide air traffic control and long-range secure command and control communications.

They also provide combat trauma medical care, personnel recovery, and terminal attack control of munitions delivered by fixed and rotary wing aircraft. The 321st STS also has special operations weathermen assigned to provide weather support for U.S. Army Special Forces.

### LINEAGE

321<sup>st</sup> Fighter Control Squadron constituted and activated, 15 May 1943

Inactivated, 16 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 321<sup>st</sup> Special Tactics Squadron, 20 Feb 1992

Activated, 31 Mar 1992

### STATIONS

Bradley Field, CT, 15 May-21 Dec 1943

Aldermaston, England, 13 Jan 1944

Keevil, England, 25 Jan 1944

Beaulieu, England, 11 Mar 1944

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, 10 May 1944

Bournemouth, England, 30 Jun 1944

Le Vast, France, 16 Aug 1944

Eure et Loir, France, 30 Aug 1944

Ozoir la Ferriere, France, 5 Sep 1944  
Hun, Belgium, 6 Oct 1944  
Verviers, Belgium, 12 Nov 1944  
Liege, Belgium, 19 Dec 1944  
Verviers, Belgium, 21 Jan 1945  
Bruhl, Germany, 26 Mar 1945  
Gottingen, Germany, 11 Apr 1945  
Nohra, Germany, 25 Apr 1945  
Fritzlar, Germany, 25 Jun 1945-unkn  
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 15-16 Nov 1945  
RAF Alconbury, England, 31 Mar 1992  
RAF Mildenhall, England, 17 Feb 1995

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

I Fighter Command, 15 May 1943  
IX Fighter Command, 8 Jan 1944  
IX Air Support (later, IX Tactical Air) Command, 1 Feb 1944  
IX Air Defense Command, 25 Apr 1944  
IX Tactical Air Command, 5 Nov 1944  
XII Tactical Air Command, 25 Jul 1945  
Unkn, 25 Oct-16 Nov 1945  
720<sup>th</sup> Special Tactics Group, 31 Mar 1992  
352<sup>nd</sup> Special Operations Group, 1 Jan 1993

### **ATTACHMENTS**

IX Tactical Air Command, 12 Oct-4 Nov 1944

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

None

##### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Aug 1998-31 Jul 1999

1 Aug 2000-31 Jul 2002

1 Aug 2003-31 Jul 2005

Gallant Unit Citations

15 Oct 2001-15 Apr 2002

12 Feb-12 May 2003

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007

1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Jul 1993

1 Aug 1994-31 Jul 1996

1 Aug 1996-31 Jul 1998

1 Aug 1999-31 Jul 2000

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16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945

**EMBLEM**

Approved, 13 May 1994

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

321st Fighter Control Squadron mission was to operate direction finding sites in Holland, Luxembourg, Germany and Belgium

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Air Force Order of Battle

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