

## 338<sup>th</sup> COMBAT CREW TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

338<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 15 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 19 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 338<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 29 May 1947  
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 338<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 6 Nov 1953  
Activated, 18 Nov 1953  
Inactivated, 15 Mar 1963  
Redesignated 338<sup>th</sup> Strategic Bombardment Training Squadron and activated, 1 Jul 1986  
Organized, 1 Jul 1986  
Redesignated 338<sup>th</sup> Combat Crew Training Squadron, 1 Jun 1987  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

### STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942  
Gowen Field, ID, 6 Aug 1942  
Walla Walla, WA, 16 Aug 1942  
Rapid City AAB, SD, 29 Sep 1942  
Pocatello, ID, 1 Nov 1942  
Pyote AAB, TX, 4 Jan-16 Apr 1943  
Great Saling, England, 12 May 1943  
Snetterton Heath, England, 13 Jun 1943-9 Dec 1945  
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14-15 Dec 1945

Jackson AAB, MS, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Altus AFB, OK, 18 Nov 1953  
Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Sep 1957-15 Mar 1963  
Dyess AFB, Texas, 8 Sep 1957-15 Mar 1963; 1 Jul 1986-1 Oct 1993

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

96th Bombardment Group, 15 Jul 1942-15 Dec 1945  
96th Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947  
384th Bombardment Group, 8 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949  
96th Bombardment (later Strategic Aerospace) Wing, 18 November 1953-15 March 1963  
96th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1986  
96th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1993

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1942  
B-17G  
B-17F  
B-17E  
B-47, 1955  
B-1B

#### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

None

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Offensive, Europe  
Air Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

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

##### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Germany, 17 Aug 1943  
Poznan, Poland, 9 Apr 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 1959-31 Dec 1960

## **EMBLEM**



338<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron emblem

Over and through a blue disc, border white, an orange aerial bomb dropping into the open head of a barrel proper, speed lines white. (Approved, 28 Dec 1942)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Established as a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber squadron. Flew combat missions over Nazi Germany and Occupied Europe until the German capitulation in May 1945.

Activated as a reserve B-29 squadron, 1947. Not equipped or manned; inactivated due to budget reductions, 1949.

Reactivated in 1953 as a B-47 squadron. Performed global deployments and training until inactivated in 1963. With the phaseout of the B-47 the training aircraft sent to storage at Davis-Monthan and the squadron was inactivated.

Reactivated in 1986 as a B-1B training squadron, assuming assets of 4018th Combat Crew Training Squadron which was activated in 1985 when B-1s first arrived at Dyess. Inactivated in 1993 as part of the drawdown of the USAF after the end of the Cold War.

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