

346th TEST SQUADRON



MISSION

346th Test Squadron tests, evaluates and assesses operational and emerging IO capabilities for ops forces, national agencies, acquisition community and DoD customers. Provides USAF's only emissions security testing of critical C2 systems. Maintains ACC's operational ranges for IO test and training exercises.

LINEAGE¹

346th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942

Activated, 1 Jun 1942

Redesignated 346th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 29 Sep 1944

Inactivated, 8 Nov 1945

Redesignated 346th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 29 May 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 346th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy and activated, 1 Jan 1953

Redesignated 346th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Oct 1955

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1974

Redesignated 346th Test and Evaluation Squadron, 1 Jun 1993

Activated, 15 Jun 1993

Inactivated, 21 Sep 1995

Redesignated 346th Test Squadron, 17 Jul 2000

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Activated, 1 Aug 2000

STATIONS

Orlando AB, Florida, 1 Jun 1942
MacDill Field, Florida, 1 Jun 1942
Pendleton Field, Oregon, 29 Jun 1942
Gowen Field, Idaho, 28 Aug 1942
Walla Walla, Washington, 25 Sep 1942
Sioux City AAB, Iowa, 18 Nov 1942-3 Jan 1943
Navarin, Algeria, 16 Mar 1943
Oudna, Tunisia, 5 Aug 1943
Tortorella Airfield, Italy, 13 Dec 1943
Marcianise, Italy, 27 Oct-8 Nov 1945
Birmingham Muni Aprt, Alabama, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949
Fairchild AFB, Washington, 1 Jan 1953
Westover AFB, Massachusetts, 4 Sep 1956-31 Mar 1974
Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, 15 Jun 1993-21 Sep 1995
Kelly AFB, Texas, 1 Aug 2000

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 29 Jan-28 Apr 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

99th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942-8 Nov 1945
99th Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949
99th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 99th Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jan 1953-31 Mar 1974
99th Test Group, 15 Jun 1993-21 Sep 1995
318th Information Operations Group, 1 Aug 2000

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1945
B/RB-36, 1953-1956
B-52, 1956

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive Europe, 1942-1944
Tunisia, 1942-1943
Sicily, 1943

Naples-Foggia, 1943-1944
Anzio, 1944
Rome-Arno, 1944
Normandy, 1944
Northern France, 1944
Southern France, 1944
North Apennines, 1944-1945
Rhineland, 1944-1945
Central Europe, 1945
Po Valley, 1945
Air Combat, EAME Theater, 1941-1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Sicily, 5 Jul 1943
Austria, 23 Apr 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
2-21 Mar and 15-31 Mar 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Oct 1967-1 Mar 1968
2 Mar-1 Apr 1968
1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
2 Mar 1969-31 Mar 1970

EMBLEM



346th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy emblem: On a medium blue disc, border black, a

rattlesnake in striking position, proper, tail entwined about large black aerial bomb, highlighted light blue and white, falling to dexter base. (Approved, 18 Feb 1944)



346th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy



346th Test Squadron emblem; On a disc Sable, a globe Azure gridlined Argent surmounted in base by a lightning bolt bendwise sinister Or entwined by a cobra coiled and erected Proper, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "346TH TEST SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe reflects the unit's worldwide mission. Historically, the king cobra alludes to the Squadron's World War II emblem, and in the present, the cobra represents the wisdom the unit

possesses in defending the Air Force warfighting capabilities. The lightning bolt pertains to the swiftness and power required of the unit. (Approved, 7 Nov 2000)²

MOTTO

OPERATIONS³



Lt Col E. G. Dewey, Westover, @1969.



Lt Col L. W. Zielinski, Operations Officer, Westover, @1969.

² The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

³ Unit yearbook. *The 99th, Caveant Aggressores, 1968 Edition*, 99th Bombardment Wing, Westover AFB, Massachusetts. 1968.



Administration, Westover, @1969.

