

450th EXPEDITIONARY FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

450th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942

Activated, 17 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 17 Dec 1945

Redesignated 450th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 3 Jul 1947

Activated in the reserve, 10 Aug 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 450th Fighter-Day Squadron, 24 Mar 1954

Activated, 1 Jul 1954

Inactivated, 18 Nov 1957

Redesignated 450th Flying Training Squadron, 28 Jul 1972

Activated, 1 Apr 1973

Inactivated, 10 Nov 1992

Redesignated 450th Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron, and converted to a provisional status,
28 Oct 2008

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 17 Jul 1942

Drane Field, FL, 22 Sep 15 Nov 1942

Rougham, England, 1 Dec 1942

Great Saling, England, 12 Jun 1943

Beauvais/Tille, France, Sep 1943

Le Culot, Belgium, c. 5 Apr 1943

Frankenberg, Germany, 6 Jul 1945

Arolsen, Germany, Sep 1945
Clastres, France, Oct 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 16-17 Dec 1945
Phillips Field, MD, 10 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954-18 Nov 1957
Mather AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1973-10 Nov 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

322nd Bombardment Group, 17 Jun 1942-15 Dec 1945
322nd Bombardment Group, 10 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
322nd Fighter-Day Group, 1 Jul 1954-18 Nov 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945
B-26B
B-26C
B-26G
B-26F
F-86, 1954-1955
F-100, 1955-1957
F-86F
F-100C
T-29, 1973-1974
T-37, 1974-1992
T-43, 1973-1992

COMMANDERS

None, not manned, 17 Jul-Aug 1942
LTC Othel D. Turner, Aug 1942
Maj Charles W. Hoover, 30 May 1944
LTC Jay B. Smith, 20 Jun 1944
Maj John L. Egan, 23 Feb 1945
Cpt Robert W. Turkington, 25 Jun 1945-unkn
LTC Colin F. Burch Jr., 10 Aug 1947
Maj Albert M. C. Steinbach, c. Jan 1948
Maj Altho Allen, c. Jul 1948
Maj Morton L. Salan, Apr-Jun 1949
LTC James P. Hagerstrom, 1 Jul 1954
Maj Robert C. Meppen, c. Apr 1955
Cpt David E. Martin, 20 Mar 1957
Maj Clyde A. Curtin, 25 Apr-18 Nov 1957
LTC William D. Miller, Apr 1973
Maj Patrick Broussard, 1 Sep 1974 (interim)
LTC Jack Remson, 14 Sep 1974 (interim)

LTC Jimmy B. Pickens, 1 Oct 1974
LTC William J. Porter, 1 Oct 1976
LTC Brian O. Kavanaugh, 23 Aug 1978
LTC Roy D. Sheetz, 27 May 1980
LTC John C. Novak, 1 Jan 1982
LTC William J. Ryan III, 29 Apr 1983
LTC Thomas A. Whaylen, 1 Mar 1985
LTC Timothy T. Timmons, 6 Mar 1987
LTC Scott E. Gerhart, 15 Mar 1989
LTC W. Stephen Owens, 14 May 1990
LTC John M. Weston, 28 Apr-10 Dec 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

ETO, 14 May 1943-24 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr-31 Dec 1973

1 Jan 1976-28 Feb 1977

1 Jan 1978-30 Apr 1979

1 Jan 1980-30 Apr 1981

1 Apr 1990-31 Mar 1992

EMBLEM



450th Bombardment Squadron emblem:



450th Fighter-Day Squadron emblem: Over a red triangle with wide white border, outlined black, a stylized sabre-toothed tiger's head, in his proper colors, yellow, black and white, his eyeball red, pupil green. (Approved, 13 Jun 1955)

450th Flying Training Squadron emblem: approved, 30 May 1973

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 14 May 1943-24 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, Jul-Sep 1945.

Not operational, Jul-Aug 1942. Trained for combat, 1942-1943. Combat in European Theater of Operations (ETO), 14 May 1943-24 Apr 1945, for which the unit received the Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC). Transferred aircraft and crews to other units, May 1945. Disarmament of German Air

Force, Jul-Sep 1945. In the organized Reserve, 1947-1949. Tactical operations as part of Tactical Air Command, 1954-1957. Conducted undergraduate navigator training for USAF, United States Navy (USN), United States Marine Corps (USMC) and United States allies, 1973-1992.

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