

455th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

455th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) Constituted, 19 Jun 1942
Activated, 4 Aug 1942
Inactivated, 12 Dec 1945
Redesignated 455th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 10 May 1949
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 17 Mar 1951
Redesignated 455th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 9 May 1955
Activated, 8 Aug 1955
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1957
Redesignated 455th Flying Training Squadron and activated, 1 Apr 1973
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993
Activated, 2010

STATIONS

Columbia AAB, South Carolina, 4 Aug 1942
MacDill Field, Florida, 21 Aug 1942
Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, South Carolina, 2 Nov 1942-25 Apr 1943
Horham, England, 12 May 1943
Earls Colne, England, 14 Jun 1943
Beaulieu, England, 21 Jul 1944

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

Lessay, France, 26 Aug 1944
Chartres, France, 21 Sep 1944
Leon/Athies, France, 13 Oct 1944
Denain/Prouvy, France, 9 Feb 1945
Gablingen, Germany, 8 May 1945
Leipheim, Germany, 23 May 1945
Clastres, France, Oct-Dec 1945
Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, 11-12 Dec 1945
Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 27 Jun 1949-17 Mar 1951
Eielson AFB, Alaska, 8 Aug 1955
Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, 20 Nov 1955-1 Sep 1957
Mather AFB, California
Mather AFB, California, 1 Apr 1973 – 1 Oct 1993
NAS Pensacola, Florida, 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

323^d Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1942-12 Dec 1945
323^d Bombardment Group, 27 Jun 1949-17 Mar 1951
11th Air Division, 8 Aug 1955
323^d Fighter-Bomber Group, 22 Nov 1955-1 Sep 1957
323^d Flying Training Wing
479th Flying Training Group, 2010

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945
F-86, 1955-1956
F-100, 1956-1957
T-29, 1973-1975
T-37, 1973-1993
T-43, 1973-2010
T-6A, 2010

COMMANDERS

None (Not Manned), 4 Aug-10 Sep 1942
Lt Col William W. Brier IV, 11 Sep 1942
Maj Grover C. Willcox Jr., Jan 1944
Lt Col Albert W. Satterwhite, 29 Feb 1944
Lt Col Jimmie W. Britt, 6 Dec 1944
Maj Harold A. Kohnert, 17 Mar 1945-Unkn
None (Not Manned), 13 Sep-12 Dec 1945
Lt Col Marvin K. Mills, 27 Jun 1949
Maj Denver R. Stufflebean, Sep 1950-1951
Maj Robert B. Bell, 8 Aug 1955

Lt Col Lowell K. Brueland, Mar 1957²
1 Lt Thomas A. Akin, Jul-1 Sep 1957
Lt Col Russell D. Terpening, 1 Apr 1973
Lt Col Donald R. Hollis, 21 Aug 1973
Lt Col William A. Wittenberg, 20 Jun 1976
Lt Col Albert A. Gagliardi, 16 Sep 1976
Lt Col Martin E. Fricks, 9 Jun 1978
Lt Col George P. Swanson, 26 Jun 1980
Lt Col Richard L. Berdan, 23 Jan 1981
Lt Col Paul E. Huber, 14 May 1982
Lt Col Anthony F. Germann, 19 Jul 1982
Lt Col Grady H. Hawkins, 6 Jun 1984
Lt Col Jimmy H. Howard, 21 Jan 1986
Lt Col Stafford W. Onderkirk, 2 Oct 1987
Lt Col Russell C. Lowmiller, 25 Aug 1989
Lt Col Edward E. Romack, 28 Jun 1991
Lt Col Jack R. Barnes, 18 Sep 1992-31 May 1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

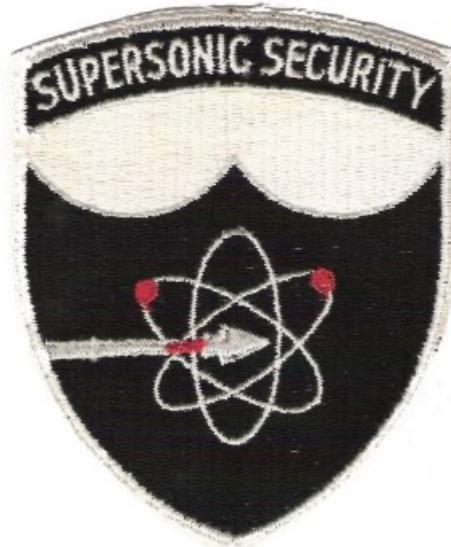
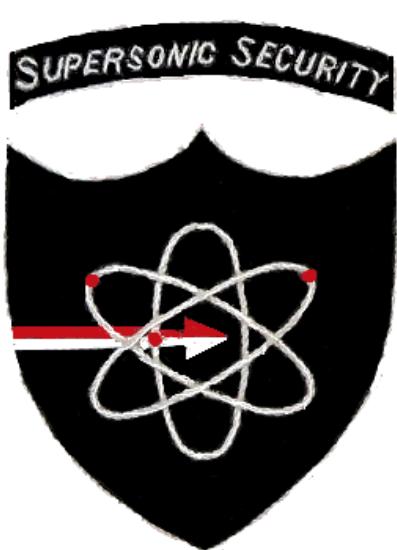
Distinguished Unit Citation
Belgium and Germany, 24-27 Dec 1944

EMBLEM

² Unit yearbook. *Bunker Hill AFB, IN, 323 Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1957.* Army and Navy Publishing Co. Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 1957.



455th Bombardment Squadron emblem



455th Fighter-Bomber Squadron emblem: On a shield black, an atomic symbol of three entwined white elliptical electronic rings and two red nuclei; piercing through the symbol a supersonic dart-shaped silhouetted white aircraft with red and white power, trailing off to the dexter side of the shield. (Approved, 7 Jan 1957)



455th Flying Training Squadron emblem



MOTTO

SUPersonic SECURITY

OPERATION

Combat in ETO, 16 Jul 1943-25 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, May-Sep 1945.





