

552nd OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

The 552nd Operations Group provides the Combat Air Force with airborne systems and personnel for surveillance, warning and control of strategic, tactical and special mission forces. The group also trains crews for the Air Force's operational inventory of 32 E-3 Sentry aircraft.

The 552nd Operations Group consists of four operational flying squadrons, two training squadrons, and an operations support squadron.

The 960th, 963rd, 964th and 965th Airborne Air Control Squadrons provide worldwide response with the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control aircraft. The squadrons are responsible for providing mission-ready aircrews to support the E-3's all-altitude "deep look" surveillance, early warning, control and airborne management roles in a variety of tactical, strategic and special missions. The 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron conducts airborne training for E-3 flight and mission crew members. Student flying training follows weeks of academic study with the 552nd Training Squadron.

LINEAGE

552nd Operations Group established, 1 May 1992

Activated, 29 May 1992

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 29 May 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

552nd Air Control Wing, 29 May 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

E-3, 1992

EC-130, 1994

COMMANDERS

Col Gary W. Davis, 18 Dec 1992

Col Benjamin T. Robinson, 23 Sep 1994

Col Edward A. Rice Jr., 8 Jan 1996

Col John E. Steinke, Jul 1997

Col John J. Kennedy, Jr., 29 Jun 1999

Col Patrick J. Sheets, 19 Jun 2001

Col Lori J. Robinson, 20 Jun 2002

Col Cindy L. Schaefer, 6 Aug 2004

Col Christof P. Cordes, 24 Mar 2006

Col Gregory Roberts, #2013

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

EMBLEM

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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

Unit yearbook. *Tinker AFB, OK, Vol 4, 2002 Yearbook*. 2002.