

## 562<sup>nd</sup> FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 562nd FTS conducts the Department of Defense's only combat systems officer training for heavy panel/maritime navigators. It provides officership, academic, simulator and flight training to Air Force and Air Reserve Component and select international students leading to the aeronautical rating of combat systems officer. It is the Air Force school house for all T-43A initial qualification training of instructor navigator and pilot cadre.

### LINEAGE

562<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 Dec 1942

Activated, 24 Dec 1942

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 May 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 12 Jun 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 5 Nov 1953

Activated, 23 Nov 1953

Inactivated, 10 Dec 1957

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, and activated, 1 May 1962

Organized, 1 Oct 1962

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1972

Activated, 31 Oct 1974

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 9 Oct 1980

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1992

Redesignated 562<sup>nd</sup> Flying Training Squadron, 14 Dec 1992  
Activated, 14 May 1993

### **STATIONS**

Gowen Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942  
Wendover Field, UT, 5 Feb 1943  
Sioux City AAB, IA, 1 May–7 Jun 1943  
Knettishall, England, Jun 1943–Aug 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, c. 13–28 Aug 1945  
Orchard Place (later Chicago-Orchard) Aprt, IL, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949  
Clovis AFB, NM, 23 Nov 1953–28 Nov 1954  
Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1954  
Etain/Rouvres AB, France, c. 15 Sep 1955–10 Dec 1957  
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962–31 Jul 1972  
George AFB, CA, 31 Oct 1974–30 Jun 1992  
Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1993

### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 6 Aug–4 Dec 1965

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

388<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942–28 Aug 1945  
388<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 12 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949  
388<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Group, 23 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957  
Tactical Air Command, 1 May 1962  
388<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964  
832<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 1–31 Jul 1972  
35<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Oct 1974  
37<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Mar 1981  
35<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 5 Oct 1989–30 Jun 1992  
12<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 14 May 1993

### **ATTACHMENTS**

388<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Jul–10 Dec 1957  
6235<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 6 Aug–7 Nov 1965  
355<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Nov–4 Dec 1965

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1943–1945  
B-17F  
B-17G  
AT-6, 1947–1949  
AT-11, 1947–1949

C-46, 1949  
C-47, 1949  
B-26, 1949  
F-86, 1954-1956  
F-86F  
F-100, 1957  
F-100D  
F-105, 1963-1972  
F-105, 1974-1980  
F-4, 1980-1992  
F-4E

### **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 24 Dec 1942-31 Jan 1943  
Maj Boardman C. Reed, 1 Feb 1943  
Maj Gilbert E. Goodman, 15 Oct 1943  
Maj Rex W. Beach, 25 Jul 1944  
LTC Gilbert E. Goodman, 16 Oct 1944  
LTC Byron E. Hall, 27 Feb 1945  
Maj John H. Gore, 25 Jun 1945-unknown  
Unknown, 12 Jun 1947-unknown  
LTC Joseph Ware, by Jun 1948-unknown  
1Lt Richard F. Sweeney, 23 Nov 1953  
Cpt Donald M. Sorlie, 13 Jan 1954  
Maj Thomas A. Hudson Jr., 1 May 1954  
LTC Allan P. Rankin, Aug 1954  
Maj Sam Malone, 25 Feb 1955-10 Dec 1957  
Unknown, 1 Oct 1962-unknown  
LTC Louis R. Vogt, by Mar 1963-unknown  
LTC Rufus Dye Jr., by Jun 1964-unknown  
LTC J. A. Eaglen, by Jun 1965-unknown  
LTC Robert R. Syester, by Dec 1965  
Maj Jack F. Brown, Apr 1966  
Maj James L. Flowers, Jun 1966  
LTC James A. Young, 18 Aug 1966  
LTC James L. Flowers, 7 Nov 1967  
LTC John M. Rowan, 10 Oct 1968  
Col Louis D. Braun Jr., 14 Oct 1968  
LTC Roderick G. Giffin, 6 Oct 1969  
LTC Kenneth G. Frank, 29 Jan 1970  
LTC Roderick G. Giffin, 27 Apr 1970;  
LTC Walter L. Catron Jr., 1 Oct 1971-31 Jul 1972  
LTC Edward B. White, 31 Oct 1974  
LTC Richard W. Simons, 31 Mar 1976

LTC Robert C. Bigrigg, 11 Sep 1978  
LTC Robert L. Nesbitt, 16 Jan 1980  
LTC Robert E. Venkus, 5 Dec 1980  
LTC Steven S. Peacock, 12 Jul 1982  
LTC Thomas J. McKnight, 30 Jul 1984  
LTC Allen J. Thrush, 1 Aug 1986  
LTC Roland S. Yoshida, 25 Sep 1987  
Maj Bryan L. Wilkins, 14 Mar 1988  
LTC Roland S. Yoshida, 13 Sep 1988  
LTC Lawrence E. Ernst, 22 Sep 1989  
LTC Ronald R. Barrett, 28 Sep 1990-30 Jun 1992  
LTC Anthony J. Adamcik, 14 May 1993  
LTC Carl K. Hergesell, 16 Dec 1994  
CMDR David J. Cheslak, USN, 21 Jun 1996  
LTC Thomas Andersen, 1 Jul 1997  
CMDR Edmund O'Callaghan, USN, 10 Jul 1998  
LTC Patrick M. Ward, 25 Jun 1999  
CMDR William J. Kovach, USN, 1 Jun 2000  
LTC John R. Roberts, 22 Jun 2001  
CMDR Daniel J. Ball, USN, 2 Jul 2002  
LTC Todd M. Zachary, 24 Oct 2003  
CMDR Timothy J. Duening, 11 Feb 2005  
John L. Radka, USN  
LTC Peter J. Deitschel

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 17 Aug 1943 and for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; and England to Soviet Union, 21 Jun 1944)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

13 Aug–1 Dec 1965

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1970–15 Jun 1971

2 Feb 1976–31 May 1977

1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987

1 Mar 1990–29 Feb 1992

14 May–30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1993–30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1995–30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996–30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998–30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2002–30 Jun 2004

### **EMBLEM**





On a White disc edged with a narrow Yellow border a Blue stylized swept-back wing configuration ascending. (Approved, 28 Jul 1970; replaced emblem approved, 7 Jul 1944)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in European Theater of Operations (ETO), 17 Jul 1943-21 Apr 1945. Awarded Distinguished Unit Citations (DUC) for action against the enemy over Germany on 17 Aug 1943 and for three missions over Europe (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; from England to Russia, 21 Jun 1944).

Combat in Southeast Asia, 6 Aug-4 Dec 1965.

F-105 replacement training, Jan 1966-Aug 1970.

Electronic warfare training, Mar 1981-Jun 1992.

Trained rated navigators and naval flight officers in Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training (JUNT), 1993.

#### **F-86 Attrition**

52-5247 - Crashed, engine failure, 2nm E of Verdun, France, 23 JULY 55, 1 fatality.

52-5261 - Crashed, hydraulic system failure, 2.5nm NNE of Dover AFB, Delaware, 27 NOV 54, no fatalities.

52-5270 - Crashed, mid-air collision, 15nm WNW of Hahn AB, West Germany, 26 FEB 55, no fatalities, ejected.

53-1081 - Crashed, bad weather letdown, 0.5nm E of Combres, France, 11 DEC 55, 1 fatality.

53-1135 - Crashed, bad weather letdown into city of Bitburg, West Germany, 15 JAN 55, 1 fatality.

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