

## 563<sup>rd</sup> FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

As the U.S. Air Force Electronic Warfare Training School, the 563rd FTS provides academic, simulator and flying training to U.S. Air Force officers leading to duty as weapon systems officers and combat systems officers. It conducts specialized electronic combat entry- and graduate-level courses for Department of Defense personnel and supports U.S. security assistance programs by conducting electronic combat courses for international officers.

### LINEAGE

563<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 Dec 1942  
Activated, 24 Dec 1942  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943  
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 May 1947  
Activated in the Reserve, 12 Jun 1947  
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 5 Nov 1953  
Activated, 23 Nov 1953  
Inactivated, 10 Dec 1957  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron and activated, 1 May 1962  
Organized, 1 Oct 1962  
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1972  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 15 Jul 1975  
Activated, 31 Jul 1975  
Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1977  
Inactivated, 5 Oct 1989

Redesignated 563<sup>rd</sup> Flying Training Squadron, 14 Dec 1992  
Activated, 14 May 1993  
Inactivated, 3 Jun 1996  
Activated, 30 Apr 1999

### **STATIONS**

Gowen Field, ID, 24 Dec 1942  
Wendover Field, UT, c. 1 Feb 1943  
Sioux City AAB, IA, 1 May-8 Jun 1943  
Knettishall, England, 23 Jun 1943-Aug 1945  
Sioux Falls AAfld, SD, 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  
Bitburg AB, Germany, 12 Dec 1954  
Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 7 Jul 1955-10 Dec 1957  
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1962-31 Jul 1972  
George AFB, CA, 31 Jul 1975-5 Oct 1989  
Randolph AFB, TX, 14 May 1993-3 Jun 1996  
Randolph AFB, TX, 30 Apr 1999

### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Etain/Rouvres AB, France, 20 Jun-6 Jul 1955  
Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Apr-15 Aug 1965  
Eglin AFB, FL, 22 Apr-3 Jun 1971

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

388<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 24 Dec 1942-28 Aug 1945  
338<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 Jul 1975  
37<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Mar 1981-5 Oct 1989  
12<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 14 May 1993-3 Jun 1996  
12<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 30 Apr 1999

### **ATTACHMENTS**

388<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Jul-10 Dec 1957  
2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 8-9 Apr 1965  
6235<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing [Provisional], 10 Apr-15 Aug 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-100, 1963-1964  
F-100D  
F-105, 1963-1966, 1966-1972  
F-4, 1975-1989  
F-4E  
T-43, 1993-1996

#### **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 24 Dec 1942-31 Jan 1943  
LTC Francis J. Henggeler, 1 Feb 1943  
Maj William H. Harrell, c. 8 Oct 1944  
Maj William J. Atkinson, 1 Jan 1945  
Cpt William B. Wade, c. 22 Jun 1945-unkn  
Unkn, 12 Jun 1947-27 Jun 1949  
2Lt James H. Boundy (acting), 23 Nov 1953  
Maj Harry M. Chapman, 1 Feb 1954  
LTC Ernest T. Cragg, by Nov 1954  
Maj Roy L. Carr, by Mar 1955-10 Dec 1957  
None (not manned), 1 Oct 1962-c. Apr 1963  
LTC James M. Morris, by 1 Jul 1963  
LTC Howard F. Hendricks, c. Jan 1964  
Maj Jack F. Brown, by Jul 1965  
Maj Everett W. Harris, by Dec 1965-14 Aug 1966  
none (not manned), 15 Aug-2 Nov 1966  
LTC Joe W. Pickett, 3 Nov 1966  
Col William N. Dillard, 13 Sep 1968  
LTC James W. Mathews, 1 Apr 1970  
LTC Philip O. Bradley, c. 7 Jul 1971-c. 31 Jul 1972  
LTC Kenneth W. Lyon, 31 Jul 1975  
LTC Russell H. Bartlett, 1 Sep 1976  
LTC James H. Martin, 2 May 1977  
LTC Leonard C. Ekman, 1 Oct 1978  
LTC Gordon F. Billington, 7 Mar 1980

LTC Alfred P. Adams, 5 Mar 1982  
LTC Richard A. Rash III, 6 Jan 1984  
LTC Richard Mangnall, 29 Nov 1984  
LTC Thomas M. Lillis, 30 Dec 1986  
LTC Lawrence E. Ernst, late Sep 1988  
Unkn, 22 Sep-5 Oct 1989  
LTC Thomas M. Hall, 14 May 1993  
LTC William N. Holway, 18 Nov 1994-3 Jun 1996  
LTC Larry L. Rexford, 30 Apr 1999  
LTC David B. Heininger, 25 Jan 2001  
LTC Stewart S. Price, 7 Jun 2002  
LTC William M. McKechnie, 6 Aug 2003  
LTC George R. Trumbull, 1 Jul 2004-  
LTC Kenneth E. Duck  
LTC Christopher Wellborn

## **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; for three missions (Hannover, Germany, 26 Jul 1943; Brux, Czechoslovakia, 12 May 1944; England to Russia, 21 Jun 1944)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

8 Apr-8 Jun 1965

29 Jun-15 Aug 1965

## Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1970-15 Jun 1971

2 Feb 1976-31 Mar 1977

1 Jun 1985-31 May 1987

14 May-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1995-[3] Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

## EMBLEM





Approved, 4 Feb 1955

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 17 Jul 1943-21 Apr 1945. Combat in Southeast Asia, 8 Apr-15 Aug 1965. Replacement training, 1 Jan 1966-30 Sep 1970. Electronic warfare training and operations, late 1975-Oct 1989. Undergraduate navigator training, 1993-1996.

563rd Flying Training Squadron Inactivated As part of an Air Force and Navy decision to consolidate some training, AETC inactivated the 563 FTS at Randolph AFB on 3 June 1996. AETC transferred its electronic warfare officer training from Randolph to Corry Station, Florida, when the command moved portions of the navigator training to NAS Pensacola.

On 30 April 1999, AETC activated the 563d Flying Training Squadron to run the electronic warfare courses that had moved from Corry Station, Florida, to Randolph AFB. The first students entered the newly fashioned primary navigator training at Randolph on 5 April, while the last Air Force students graduated from training at Corry Station on 18 June 1999.

#### **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.

#### F-100 Attrition

54-2229 Crashed, engine failure, 13nm South of Wheelus AB, Libya, 7 OCT 57, no fatalities, ejected.

54-2252 Crashed, bad landing, on Wheelus AB, Libya, August 57, no fatalities, ejected.

54-2260 Crashed, engine failure, 13nm S of Wheelus AB, Libya, 1957, no fatalities, ejected.

54-2263 Destroyed, severe ground fire, on Etain AB, France, 26 MAR 57, no fatalities.

54-2264 Damaged, take-off engine failure, on Wheelus AB, Libya, NOV 57, no fatalities.

54-2268 Crashed, bad landing, 1nm S of Etain AB, France, SEP 57, 1 fatality.

55-2748 Crashed

55-2763 Crashed

55-3660 Crashed into sea, engine fire, 120nm S of Cagliari, Sardinia, 20 OCT 57, no fatalities, ejected.

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