

# 620 GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

1020 Guard Squadron constituted, 28 Jul 1942

Activated, 10 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 620<sup>th</sup> Ground Combat Training Squadron, 4 Nov 2011

Activated, 9 Dec 2011

### STATIONS

Spence Field, GA, 10 Aug 1942-30 Apr 1944

F. E. Warren AFB, WY, 9 Dec 2011

### ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces Southeast Training Command, 10 Aug 1942-30 Apr 1944

Twentieth Air Force, 9 Dec 2011

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

#### Campaign Streamers

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[9]-31 Dec 2011

1 Jan-31 Dec 2014

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Sable, a torteau parted per fess Azure, a barrulet Argent (Silver Gray), charged with an atomic symbol of the second, surmounted by a bezant, in chief a sword palewise point to base of the second, grip detailed Or, flanked by four lightning bolts chevronwise reversed, two and two, of the last, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "IN EXTREMIS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "620TH GROUND COMBAT TRNG SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The outer ring encircling the emblem symbolizes the silos housing the ICBM leg of the nuclear triad. The atomic emblem alludes to the defenders performing the nuclear mission. The sword represents the deployment of justice and promise of security. The lightning bolts are symbolic of the command's six wings associated with the nuclear global strike mission. Approved on 29 Aug 2013.

## **MOTTO**

IN EXTREMIS--To the Point of Death

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The Air Force last month opened its new Nuclear Security Tactics Training Center on the grounds of Camp Guernsey, Wyo., north of F.E. Warren Air Force Base, which is near Cheyenne. The \$4.2 million facility offers 14,500 square feet of functional space for training classrooms and offices, states F.E. Warren's Dec. 27 release. It joins the existing 23,000-square-foot building at Camp Guernsey that the 620th Ground Combat Training Squadron uses to instruct security forces airmen in protecting the nation's Minuteman III ICBM fields and nuclear assets from those missiles during transport, according to the release. "This facility has been a vision of Air Force nuclear leaders as well as Wyoming state leaders for years," said Maj. Gen. Michael Carey, 20th AF commander. He joined Army Maj. Gen. Luke Reiner, Wyoming's adjutant general, and Maj. Jay Parsons, 620th GCTS commander, in cutting the ribbon to the facility at the Dec. 13 opening ceremony. Carey said the new center increases training capacity by four times, meaning 400 students are now able to train at the same time at Camp Guernsey. 2013

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