

12 OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

12 Bombardment Group, Light, established, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 12 Bombardment Group (Medium), 30 Dec 1941
Redesignated 12 Bombardment Group, Medium, 20 Aug 1944
Inactivated, 22 Jan 1946
Redesignated 12 Bombardment Group, Light, 29 Apr 1947
Activated, 19 May 1947
Inactivated, 10 Sep 1948
Redesignated 12 Fighter-Escort Group, 27 Oct 1950
Activated, 1 Nov 1950
Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 12 Tactical Fighter Group, 31 Jul 1985
Redesignated 12 Operations Group, 9 Dec 1991
Activated, 15 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Randolph AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

Northwest Air District (later, Second Air Force), 15 Jan 1941
IV Air Support Command, 3 Sep 1941
V Air Support Command, 21 Jan 1941
III Bomber Command, 18 Apr 1942
Ninth Air Force, 16 Aug 1942
Twelfth Air Force, 22 Aug 1943
XII Air Support Command, 1 Sep 1943
XII Bomber Command, 2 Jan 1944
Tenth Air Force, c. 21 Mar 1944
unkn, c. 24 Dec 1945-22 Jan 1946
Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948
12 Fighter-Escort Wing, 1 Nov 1950-16 Jun 1952
12 Flying Training Wing, 15 Dec 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1941-1942
B-23, 1941-1942
PT-17, 1941-1942
B-25, 1942-1945
A-26, 1945
F-84, 1950-1951
T-37, 1991-2007
T-38, 1991
T-39, 1991
T-41, 1992-1994
T-43, 1992-2010
C-21, 1993-1997
AT-38, 1993-2002
T-1, 1993
T-3, 1994-1998
T-6, 2000
MQ-1, 2010

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 15 Jan-5 May 1941
Col Charles G. Goodrich, 6 May 1941
Lt Col Curtis R. Low, 13 Sep 1942
Col Edward N. Backus, 16 Sep 1942
Lt Col William W. Wilcox, 21 Sep 1943
Col Lloyd H. Dalton, 29 Sep 1944
Lt Col Jack F. Marr, 1 Sep 1945
Lt Col Samuel C. Galbreath, 4 Sep 1945
Lt Col Lewis B. Wilson, 23 Sep 1945-22 Jan 1946
None (not manned), 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948

Unkn, 1-19 Nov 1950
Col Charles E. Gayle, 20 Nov 1950
None (not manned), 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952
Col Maurice L. McFann Jr., 18 Dec 1991
Col David L. Hayes, 23 Oct 1992
Col Jeffrey B. Kohler, 27 Jul 1993
Col Johnny A. Weida, 21 Apr 1995
Col Daniel J. Darnell, 19 May 1997
Col Ted A. Hilbun, 23 Oct 1998
Col Stephen L. Hoog, 17 Feb 1999
Col James E. Moschgat, 18 Jul 2000
Col Margaret H. Woodward, 3 Jul 2002
Col John F. Newell III, 12 Mar 2004
Col Christopher P. Weggeman, 5 Jul 2006
Col Ronald D. Buckley, 5 Jun 2008
Col Jimmy D. Donahue, 21 May 2010
Col Andrew A. Croft, 23 Jul 2010
Col David F. Morrissey, Jun 2012
Col James E. Moschgat

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Egypt-Libya
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Air Combat, EAME Theater
India-Burma
Central Burma
China Defensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
North Africa and Sicily, Oct 1942-17 Aug 1943

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15-31 Dec 1991
1 Jan 1992-30 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
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009
1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2011

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OPERATIONS

After activation at McChord Fld, WA, in Jan 1941, the 12 Bombardment Group trained with B-18, B-23, and PT-17 aircraft. Patrolled west coast of United States after the Japanese attack on Hawaii. In Feb 1942, group moved to Esler Fld, LA, where it trained with B-25s for duty overseas. The group moved to North Africa in Jul and Aug 1942 and supported the Allied drive from Egypt to Tunisia. From Apr 1943, raided enemy-held islands in Mediterranean, including Pantelleria, Lampedusa, and Sicily. In Aug 1943, the group began to attack enemy targets on Italian mainland. From Nov until early Feb, group bombed airdromes, docks, marshalling yards, bridges, and other targets in Italy, Yugoslavia, and Albania. In Feb, Mar, and Apr 1944, moved to India and flew most of its missions in Burma between Apr 1944 and May 1945, supporting the British Fourteenth Army. When Allied forces at Imphal, India, were threatened by a Japanese offensive, the group delivered ammunition. Began training with A-26 aircraft in summer 1945. Inactivated upon return to United States in 1946. 12 Bombardment Group, Light, was not manned, May 1947-Sep 1948. Briefly, 12 Fighter-Escort Group trained with F-84s, Dec 1950-Feb 1951, before being stripped of personnel and equipment. 12 Operations Group performed flight screening and undergraduate pilot training beginning in 1991. Due to impending closure of Mather AFB, California, in 1992 group assumed undergraduate navigator

training. Also, conducted specialized undergraduate pilot training. In 1995, began transition to joint navigator training. Trained instructor pilots, navigators, and combat systems officers, 1996.

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