

84 TEST AND EVALUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 84 Test and Evaluation Squadron is to organize, train and equip Air Force Reserve Command personnel to support Air Combat Command's Operational Test and Evaluation missions for the Combat Air Forces through the 53 Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

LINEAGE

4484 Test Squadron designated and activated, 15 Oct 1983
Redesignated 84 Test Squadron, 1 Dec 1991
Redesignated 84 Test and Evaluation Squadron, 20 Nov 1998
Inactivated, 1 Apr 2001
Activated, 7 Jul 2008

STATIONS

Tyndall AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1983-1 Apr 2001
Eglin AFB, FL, 7 Jul 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center, 15 Oct 1983
4443 Test and Evaluation (later, 79 Test and Evaluation) Group, 1 Aug 1988
475 Weapons Evaluation Group, 15 Apr 1993
53 Weapons Evaluation Group, 20 Nov 1998-1 Apr 2001
926 Group, 7 Jul 2008

COMMANDERS

Lt Col David C. Ladd, 15 Oct 1983
Lt Col William A. Holtzman, 3 Aug 1984
Lt Col Robert A. Corson, 17 Jun 1986
Lt Col Thomas P. Devine, 22 Jun 1988
Lt Col Stephen E. Bishop, 3 Jul 1990
Lt Col David W. Smith, 9 Jun 1992
Lt Col Robert J. Schraeder Jr., 28 Feb 1994
Lt Col Jori N. Cromwell, 12 Apr 1996
Lt Col Matthew T. Black, 8 May 1998-unkn
Lt Col John M. Breazeale, 7 Jul 2008
Lt Col Aaron Blum, 2014
Lt Col Aneel M. Alvares, 15 Jul 2016
Lt Col Michael Bess, 29 Jun 2017
Lt Col Zachary A. Probst, 17 Jan 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Apr 1989-31 Mar 1991
1 Jan 1994-31 May 1995
1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993

EMBLEM

4484 Test Squadron emblem: On a disc divided bend sinisterwise nebuly blue and red a white polestar between two white stars on the blue and on the red a yellow lightning flash detailed black issuing from the sinister side converging at center with a black flight symbol detailed white emitting a yellow arced contrail issuing from base all within a narrow white border. Attached below the disc a blank yellow scroll bordered white. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The blue field signifies the sky, the Air Force theater of operations and the over-water range where operational testing is conducted. The red part of the field symbolizes the courage and determination necessary to carry out the mission. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The aircraft symbol represents the flight testing of the Squadron. The lightning bolt indicates the squadron's involvement with aircraft instrumentation, radar development and electronic

warfare. The stars refer to the planning, testing, and evaluation functions of the squadron.
(Approved, 11 Jul 1984)



On a disc per bend nebuly Azure and Gules, a Polestar in dexter flanked by two mullets Argent; from sinister a lightning bolt Or fimbriated Sable, arching from sinister base to nombril a stylized aircraft of the last, edged of the third, contrail of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disk, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "84TH TEST & EVAL SQ" in Black 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 background signifies the over-water range where operational testing is conducted, as well as the courage and determination necessary to carry out the mission. The aircraft symbol represents the flight testing of the Squadron. The lightning bolt indicates the unit's involvement with aircraft instrumentation, radar development, and electronic warfare. The stars refer to the planning, testing and evaluation functions of the Squadron. (Approved, 11 Jul 1984)

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OPERATIONS

Provided radar support for missions of the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center and the Tactical Air Command as directed, 1983-1984. Tested and evaluated tactical radar fire control missile guidance and electronic combat systems against electronic countermeasures systems, 1985-2001. Tested weapons systems of a wide variety of aircraft including: F-4, EC-130, F-15, F-16, EF-111, A-10, HH-60 and C-27, 1983-2001.

USAF Unit Histories
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Sources

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