

532 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

532 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942
Activated, 3 Nov 1942
Redesignated 532 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Activated in the Reserve, 20 Dec 1946
Redesignated 532 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 27 Dec 1946
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 532 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Titan) and activated, 29 Nov 1961
Organized, 1 Mar 1962
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1986
Redesignated 532 Training Squadron, 4 Aug 1994
Activated, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 3 Nov 1942
Ephrata, WA, 1 Dec 1942
Pyote AAB, TX, 27 Dec 1942
Pueblo AAB, CO, 6 Apr-10 May 1943
Ridgewell, England, 2 Jun 1943-24 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 3 Jul-28 Aug 1945
Offutt Field (later, AFB), NE, 20 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Mar 1962-8 Aug 1986
Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

381 Bombardment Group, 3 Nov 1942-28 Aug 1945
Second Air Force, 20 Dec 1946
381 Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947-27 Jun 1949
Strategic Air Command, 29 Nov 1961
381 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Mar 1962-8 Aug 1986
381 Training Group, 1 Oct 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1945
AT-11, 1947-1949
LGM-25C Titan II, 1962-1986

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater:
Air Offensive, Europe 1942-1944
Normandy 1944
Northern France 1944
Rhineland 1944-1945
Ardennes-Alsace 1944-1945
Central Europe 1945
Air Combat 1941-1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

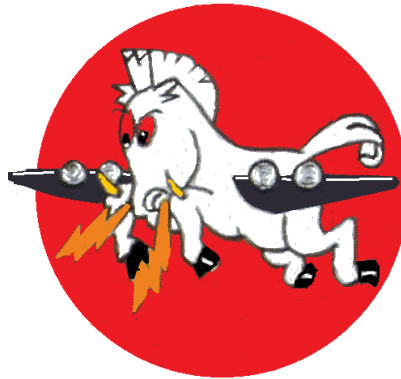
Distinguished Unit Citations
Bremen, Germany, 8 Oct 1943
Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1966-30 Jun 1967
1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972
1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2010

EMBLEM



WWII emblem approved, 4 Oct 1943.

By authority delegated to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, by AG letter 400.161 (12-7-42) OE-S-A, dated December 19, 1942, the following insignia for the marking of aircraft of the 532d Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, is approved:

AIRCRAFT MARKING: On a scarlet disc, a white flying Trojan horse, outlined black, winged with Fortress wings ultramarine blue, edged white, having a golden lance spike on the knee of each foreleg, eyes red, and breathing jagged golden orange lightning flash from each nostril, as per record drawing.

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

SIGNIFICANCE: The scarlet background denotes the Squadron personnel's valor. The Trojan horse represents the fully-armed Fortresses used by this Squadron, and the lightning flashes symbolize its striking power.

HISTORY: The 532d Bombardment Squadron (H) was constituted and authorized to be made active, pursuant to letter, War Department, AG 320.2 (10-27-42) dated 28 October 1942, at Gowen Field, Idaho.

The 532d Bombardment Squadron (H) has no other history, and its battle honors for the present war have not yet been determined.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

/s/ Robert C. Jones,
/t/ ROBERT C. JONES



532d Strategic Missile Squadron On a red disc edged AF golden yellow, an AF blue stylized missile in palewise upward flight emitting AF golden yellow, red, and white exhaust to base, all surmounted by a white Trojan horse's head in profile, his eye red, outlines and details black; originating in sinister an AF golden yellow lightning bolt disappearing behind the horse's head and issuing from the horse's nostrils to dexter and dexter base. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron its mission. Against a scarlet background (to represent valor), the head of a white Trojan horse, his eye flashing red his nostrils emitting lightning bolts, represents the strength and might of this unit. The stylized missile indicates this unit's space age weapons system. (Approved, 23 Apr 1963)

Some elements of the 532 SMS emblem, share those of the 532 Bombardment Squadron. The white stallion facing dexter (right) with red, piercing eyes and yellow lightning-bolts. The weapon system is apparent to both, missile for the 532 SMS and B-17 bomber wings for the 532 BS.



532 Training Squadron emblem: On a disc Gules, a stylized missile erect Azure, flamed to base Or, of the field, and Argent, surmounted by a Trojan horse head to dexter of the last, detailed Sable, emitting three lightning flashes, one from the horse's nostril to dexter, one from the other nostril to dexter base, and one from the back of the horse's head to sinister all of the third, fimbriated of the fifth, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "532D TRAINING SQ" in Blue 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 head of the Trojan horse symbolizes the strength and valor of the unit. The stylized missile indicates the Squadron's space age weapons system. The lightning flashes represent the ability to effectively accomplish multiple tasks simultaneously with pinpoint precision. (Approved, 23 Apr 1963)

532 Training Squadron emblem: On a gules disc, an ultramarine azure missile, followed by an or, gules and argent contrail, is positioned at the base and extends to middle chief. The head of an argent trojan horse is placed over the missile at the fess point, and becomes the focus of the disc. It's eyes flash gules and it's nose emits three or lightning bolts, which are positioned at dexter, dexter base and slightly above sinister. The disc is bordered with or a gules scroll, bordered also with or is attached below the disc. **SIGNIFICANCE:** ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design blue represents the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The head of the white trojan horse symbolizes the strength and valor of this unit. The stylized missile indicates the unit's space age weapon's system.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 22 Jun 1943-25 Apr 1945. Maintained proficiency in strategic missile operations, Jul 1963-May 1986. Space and missile maintenance training, Oct 1994.

Air Education and Training Command officials earlier this month merged the training squadrons at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for missileers and ICBM maintainers. Under the merger, AETC rolled the 392nd Training Squadron, which trained all ICBM missileers, into the 532 TRS under command-wide streamlining. "The newly merged unit will continue to teach 12 different ICBM and Air Launched Cruise Missile courses," but with less administrative and support infrastructure, said Col. Michele Edmondson, commander of Vandy's 381st Training Group. "Class structure and teaching requirements will not change," she stressed. Instead, the new structure will allow ICBM and ALCM trainees "to further capitalize on synergies between the missile maintenance and missile operations career fields, ultimately resulting in more well-rounded maintainers and operators," added Edmondson. The 392nd TRS stood up in 1994; AETC inactivated the unit on July 2 as part of the merger. 2012

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Sources

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