

323rd AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

323rd Bombardment Wing, Light established, 10 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949

Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951

Inactivated, 28 Mar 1951

Redesignated 323rd Fighter-Bomber Wing, 9 May 1955

Activated, 8 Aug 1955

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1957

Redesignated 323rd Flying Training Wing, 28 Jul 1972

Activated, 1 Apr 1973

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1993

Redesignated 323rd Air Expeditionary Wing, and converted to provisional status, on 25 Mar 2003

Activated, 14 Mar 2008

Inactivated, 30 Apr 2008

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 27 Jun 1949-28 Mar 1951

Bunker Hill AFB, IN, 8 Aug 1955-1 Sep 1957

Mather AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1973

Balotesti, Romania, 14 Mar-30 Apr 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Twelfth Air Force, 27 Jun 1949

Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1950-28 Mar 1951

Ninth Air Force, 8 Aug 1955-1 Sep 1957

Air Training Command, 1 Apr 1973

Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul-30 Sep 1993

United States Air Forces in Europe to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 25 Mar 2003

ATTACHMENTS

Third Air Force (Air Forces Europe), 14 Mar-30 Apr 2008

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-6, 1949-1951

T-11, 1949-1951

B-26, 1949-1951

T-7, 1950-1951

F-86, 1955-1957

F-100, 1956-1957

T-29, 1973-1975

ET-29, 1973-1974

T-43, 1973

T-37, 1974

COMMANDERS

BG W. C. Lewis, 27 Jun 1949

Col Clint T. Johnson, Aug 1950-Mar 1951

Col Carter E. Duncan, 8 Aug 1955

Col Bernard R. Muldoon, 21 Dec 1955

Col Joseph H. Moore, 14 Jul 1956

Col Billy Cornett, 22 Jul 1957

Col Henry J. Chisholm, 15 Aug-1 Sep 1957

Col Norris M. Overly, 1 Apr 1973

BG Robert W. Bazley, 13 Oct 1973

Col Dennis B. Sullivan, 18 Jul 1975

Col Attilio Pedroli, 13 Sep 1976

Col Roy K. Baliles, 13 Jun 1979

Col Richard D. Paul, 7 Jul 1981

Col John B. Tarsoly, 31 Mar 1983

Col William E. Collins, 20 May 1985

Col Roy D. Sheetz, 5 Jun 1987

Col John R. Morrison, Jr., 12 Apr 1989

Col Joseph H. Wehrle, Jr., 25 Jul 1991

Col Robert J. Martinelli, 5 Jun 1992-30 Sep 1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr-31 Dec 1973

1 Jan 1976-28 Feb 1977

1 Jan 1978-30 Apr 1979

1 Jan 1980-30 Apr 1981

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 323 Operations Group prior to 26 Jun 1949

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**Decoration**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Belgium and Germany, 24-27 Dec 1944

EMBLEM



Per pale azure and gules a globe arraswise light blue, grid lined argent within the arced envelopment of a pair of stylized wings in base, conjoined or garnished of the third, in dexter chief a mullet of five points argent, issuing from chief in sinister and surmounting the globe, a lightning bolt bend sinisterwise or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. (Approved, 25 Sep 1973)

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OPERATIONS

Trained in the organized Reserve, 1949-1951. Ordered to active service on 10 Mar 1951; personnel used as "fillers" to meet USAF world-wide requirements for strategic and tactical forces. Trained to become proficient in tactical operations as part of TAG, Mar 1956-May 1957. Phased down and replaced on 1 Sep 1957 by 4041st Air Base Group.

Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3535th Navigator Training Wing in Apr 1973. Operated Mather AFB, CA, published Navigator magazine, and conducted training for navigators, navigator-bombardiers, and electronic warfare officers, Apr 1973-.

Conducted operational test and evaluation of the T-43A, 1 Aug-31 Oct 1973. Began converting to T-43s in 1973. As the only USAF school teaching navigation, the wing served not only the USAF but also the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and friendly foreign states. Began training U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard flight officers in Jul 1976 and supporting Marine Aerial Navigation School (which moved from Texas to Mather AFB) in Jul 1976, although the USMC conducted its own navigation training. Under the Base Realignment and Closure program, Mather AFB closed on 30 Sep 1993 and 323 Flying Training Wing inactivated; USAF Navigator School moved to Randolph AFB, TX.

Air Force Order of Battle

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