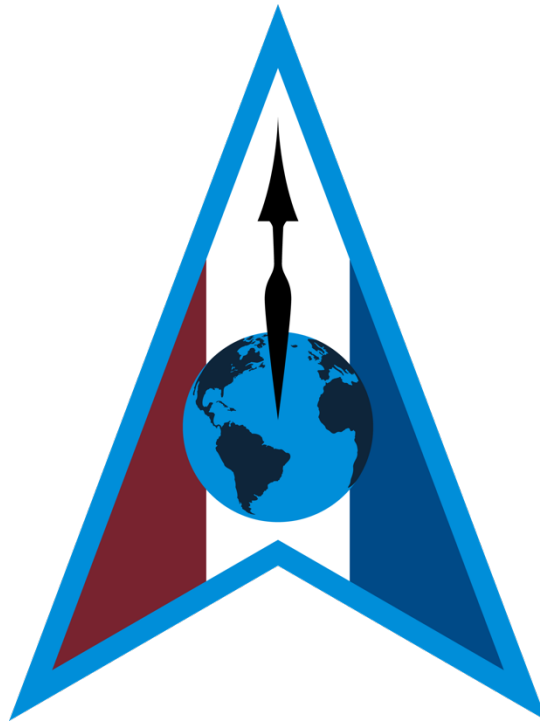


## SPACE DELTA 1



### **MISSION**

The 381 Training Group provides initial operations and maintenance training for the nation's space and missile forces. The group also conducts training in ICBM, air-launched missile, and spacelift maintenance, as well as training in ICBM, attack warning, space surveillance, and satellite operations. Additionally, the group trains joint space fundamentals and intelligence operations, and provides AFSPC wing senior leadership and staff training.

### **LINEAGE**

381 Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942

Activated, 3 Nov 1942

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

Redesignated 381 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, 3 Jul 1947

Allotted to the reserve

Activated, 24 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

381 Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Titan) established and activated, 29 Nov 1961

Organized, 1 Mar 1962

Inactivated, 8 Aug 1986

381 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy and 381 Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Titan)

Consolidated, 3 Jan 1984

Redesignated 381 Training Group, 31 May 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Inactivated, 31 May 2021

Redesignated Space Delta 1, 19 Aug 2021

Activated and status changed from unit of the United States Air Force armed force to unit of the United States Space Force armed force, 23 Aug 2021

### **STATIONS**

Gowen Field, ID, 3 Nov 1942

Ephrata, WA, 1 Dec 1942

Pyote AAB, TX, 3 Jan 1943

Pueblo AAB, CO, 5 Apr-9 May 1943

Ridgewell England, Jun 1943-Jun 1945

Sioux Falls Field, AAFld, SD, Jul -28 Aug 1945

Offutt Field, NE, 24 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Mar 1962

Vandenberg AFB (later, SFB), CA, 1 Oct 1994

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

II Bomber Command, 3 Nov 1942

Eighth Air Force, 29 May 1943

1 Bombardment (later, 1 Combat Bombardment; 1 Bombardment) Wing, 4 Jun 1943

Second Air Force, 3 Jul-28 Aug 1945

Second Air Force, 24 Jul 1947

96 Bombardment Wing (later, 96 Air Division). 17 Oct 1947

73 Air Division, 4 Jun 1948-27 Jun 1949

Strategic Air Command, 29 Nov 1961

42 Air (later, 42 Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Mar 1962

17 Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1963

12 Strategic Missile (later, 12 Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971

19 Air Division, 1 Jul 1973

Second Air Force, 1 Oct 1994

82 Training Wing, 8 Jul 2020-31 May 2021

Space Training and Readiness Command, 23 Aug 2021

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1943-1945

AT-6, 1947-1949

AT-11, 1947-1949

Titan II, 1963

### **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned) 3 Nov-31 Dec 1942

Col Joseph J. Nazzaro, 1 Jan 1943

Col Harry P. Leber, Jr., 15 Jan 1944

Lt Col Conway S. Hall, 5 Feb 1945-unkn  
None (not manned), 29 Nov 1961-28 Feb 1962  
Col George W. Von Arb, 1 Mar 1962  
Col Julius Pickoff, 11 Jan 1965  
Col Theodore J. Michel, 18 Aug 1967  
Col James A. Bryant, 30 Sep 1970  
Col Bobbie G. Guthrie, 27 Mar 1962  
Col Eugene J. Shattuck, Jr., 18 Jun 1973  
Col Jimmy F. Scott, 19 Jul 1974  
Col Donald F. Gaylor, 7 May 1976  
Lt Col Swartz, 24 Jul 1947-unkn  
Col John F. Hampton, 12 May 1978  
Brig Gen Elmer T. Brooks, 19 Jan 1979  
Col Richard A Sandercock, 30 Oct 1981  
Col Jay W. Kelley, 21 Jul 1983  
Col Barry M. Teitler, 4 Jun 1985-8 Aug 1986  
Lt Col Michael L. Hickey, 1 Oct 1994  
Col Kenneth P. Van Sickle

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
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 2003-30 Jun 2005  
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006  
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2008  
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2010  
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011  
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013  
1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2015  
1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2017  
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019

#### EMBLEM



381 Bombardment Group emblem: On a shield of silver, two bombs, one red and one blue, both in a downward flight. "Motto of group: Triumphant We Fly" in upper right hand corner. **SIGNIFICANCE:** On a shield of silver, denoting the valor of the fliers and fidelity of all members of the group, are two bombs, both in downward flight, significant of the mission of the group, i.e., bombardment. The blue bomb is a representation of the training period through which the organization passed. Overshadowing the blue bomb is a red bomb, indicating the bravery and tenacity with which the group's personnel are carrying the aerial war to our enemy.



381 Strategic Missile Wing emblem: Per pale gules and azure, a pale argent surmounted by two olive branches one in dexter flank and one in sinister flank conjoined in middle base and extending to chief vert, overall in honor point a globe of the field with land masses and rim sable surmounted by a missile palewise of the like trailing a vapor stream to base of the first, all within a diminished border of the third. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the wing and its mission. Against a background of the national colors, red representing the earth which is the home and protector of the missile, white indicating a pure and continuing dedication to the mission, and blue symbolizing the aerospace capability of the missile. The missile, surmounting the world, indicates the global capability of the missile and its mission of deterring war for the world. The olive branches represent the peace mission of ICBM and its deterrent strength. (Approved, 19 Sep 1962)



381 Training Group emblem: Per pale gules and azure, a pale argent in chief a globe of the last, land masses brown fimbriated of the like, issuant from base overall a missile vert; all within a diminished bordure or. Attached below the shield a white scroll edged with a narrow yellow border inscribed [with the unit designation] in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The triparted shield suggests the national colors and reflects the patriotism of the unit's personnel. The stylized

missile surmounting the globe symbolizes the group's training functions of preparing AF personnel in operating ICBMs and smaller missiles and in administering qualification training in related areas. This effective missile training provides the nation with a global deterrence capability. (Approved, 13 Mar 1995)

Space Force emblem approved, 5 Dec 2023.

## **MOTTO**

PEACE, POWER, AND PROTECTION  
EXCELLENCE IS THE STANDARD

## **OPERATIONS**

Trained in the US with B-17s in early 1943.

Activated 3 Nov 1942 at Gowen Fd, Idaho. Training did not commence until unit established at Pyote AAB TX on 5 Jan 1943. Final training at Pueblo, CO. 16 Apr 1943-8 May 1943. Ground echelon moved to Camp Kilmer, NJ. arriving 12 May 1943 and embarked on Queen Elizabeth 27 May 1943. Arrived Greenock 2 Jun 1943. Air echelon flew to Salina, KS. early May 1943 and started movement to UK 15 May 1943, via Selfridge Fd, Bangor, Gander to Prestwick.

Moved to England, May-Jun 1943, assigned to Eighth Air Force, Served in combat from Jun 1943 to Apr 1945, operating chiefly against strategic objectives on the Continent Received a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for performance on 8 Oct 1943 when the Group accurately bombed Bremen shipyards in spite of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy flak. Received second DUC for similar action on 11 Jan 1944 during a mission against aircraft factories in central Germany, Participated in the intensive campaign of heavy bombers against enemy aircraft factories during Big Week, 20-25 Feb 1944. supported ground troops and attacked targets of interdiction when not engaged in strategic bombardment. Supported the Normandy invasion in Jun 1944 by bombing bridges and airfields near the beachhead Attacked enemy positions in advance of ground forces at St Lo in Jul 1944, Assisted the airborne assault on Holland in Sep, Struck airfields and communications near the battle zone during the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945, Supported the Allied crossing of the Rhine in Mar 1945 and then operated against communications and transportation targets in the final push through Germany. Transported repatriated prisoners of war from Germany to France following the end of hostilities.

First Mission: 22 Jun 1943

Last Mission: 25 Apr 1945

Total Missions: 296

Total Credit Sorties: 9,035

Total Bomb Tonnage: 22,159.5 tons (24 tons leaflets)

Group aircraft missing in action: 131

Enemy aircraft claims: 223-40-162

Redeployed USA May/Jun. 1945, Majority aircraft left UK 24 May 1945. Ground echelon sailed Queen Elizabeth 24 Jun 1945, arriving New York 29 Jun 1945. Group established Camp Kilmer and after thirty days R & R some personnel assembled Sioux Falls AAFd, SD. where Group eventually inactivated 28 Aug 1945.

Trained in the Reserve for heavy bombardment operations, Jul 1947-Jun 1949.

Trained personnel and prepared to receive intercontinental ballistic missiles. Mar 1962-Jun 1963, Because Titan H missile complexes around McConnell AFB and Wichita, Kansas, were still under construction when the Wing organized on 1 Mar 1962, only the wing headquarters, the missile maintenance squadron, and one missile squadron (532d) organized at first. The second missile squadron (533d) organized in Aug 1962, while training of most wing personnel continued. Placed first Titan II missiles on alert in Jul 1963 and both missile squadrons were operationally ready by the end of 1963. Thereafter maintained proficiency in strategic missile operations and maintenance. Won the SAC missile combat competition and the Blanchard Trophy in 1972, 1975, 1980, and 1983. Was the host wing at McConnell, 1 Jul 1972-4 Jun 1985. Deactivation of the wing's Titan H missile complexes began in mid-1984. The last missile was taken off alert on 27 May 1986 and the wing inactivated on 8 Aug 1986.

Activated on 1 Oct 1994 at Vandenberg AFB. Provided space and missile operations and maintenance training, Oct 1994.

Trained personnel and prepared to receive intercontinental ballistic missiles, Mar 1962-Jun 1963. Placed first Titan II missiles on alert in Jul 1963. Became the host organization at McConnell AFB, KS, on 1 Jul 1972.

On 1 April 1994, AETC activated the 381 Training Group (Provisional) at Vandenberg AFB, California. Still in existence but separate from the provisional group were the 392d Space and Missile Training Squadron and its detachment at Lowry. On 1 October 1994, AETC inactivated the temporary organization and activated the 381 Training Group, with four training squadrons, including the newly redesignated 392d Training Squadron.

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