

533 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

The 533 Training Squadron is the only DoD unit providing initial qualification training for U.S. and allied operations crews performing command and control, global missile warning, air defense, and space surveillance missions for AFSPC, U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and North American Defense supporting the Secretary of Defense, theater commanders and associated forces. The unit also conducts interservice space and intelligence operations training.

LINEAGE

533 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942

Activated, 3 Nov 1942

Redesignated 533 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

Redesignated 533 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Titan), and activated, 26 Feb 1962

Organized, 1 Aug 1962

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1985

Redesignated 533 Training Squadron, 4 Aug 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Changed status from a unit of United States Air Force to a unit of United States Space Force, 21 Oct 2020

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 3 Nov 1942

Ephrata, WA, 1 Dec 1942
Pyote AAB, TX, 27 Dec 1942
Pueblo AAB, CO, 6 Apr-9 May 1943
Ridgewell, England, 2 Jun 1943-24 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD 3 Jul-28 Aug 1945
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Aug 1962-1 Nov 1985
Peterson AFB, CO, 1 Oct 1994
Vandenberg AFB, CA, 31 Jul 1996

ASSIGNMENTS

381st Bombardment Group, 3 Nov 1942-28 Aug 1945
Strategic Air Command, 26 Feb 1962
381st Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Aug 1962-1 Nov 1985
381st Training Group, 1 Oct 1994
United States Space Force (formerly Air Force Space Command; later Space Operations Command), 1 Sep 2020
Space Delta 1, 23 Aug 2021

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1943
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 1984-1 Nov 1985

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

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 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





533 Strategic Missile Squadron emblem: On a blue disc within a yellow border, originating at the bottom of the disc a wedge shape, penetrating the border at the top of the disc, the outer sections medium blue, the inner section light blue surmounted in the bottom by a black fortress, overall a gray missile emitting a gray vapor trail to base. Motto: Below the disc a light blue scroll edged blue inscribed QUANDO RES POSTULAT (When Required) 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 fortress symbolizes the squadron's role as a hardened space age fortress protecting our nation's freedom. The missile denotes the type of squadron and its vertical position signifies its readiness. The blue shading shows the range of operation, through the azure of the earthly sky to the eternal midnight of outer space, and the demarcation between shades symbolizes the hypersonic speed potential of missiles through space. The black of the fortress and the golden yellow of the disc signifies the day and night constant readiness of the squadron to carry out its mission. The fortress further recalls the glory of the unit's comrades-in-arms, the 533d Bombardment Squadron, who in the air-age fortress of World War II, the B-17, left a standard to emulate. The motto states readiness for any emergency. (Approved, 13 Nov

1963)



533 Training Squadron emblem: On a disc Or, an enhanced pellet surmounted in bend a bomb, point to base Azure, garnished and overall a skull Argent, supporting a Centurion helmet Tenné, plumed of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "533D TRAINING SQ" in Yellow 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 shield is reminiscent of the unit's heritage and alludes to the 533d Bombardment Squadron. The bomb indicates the Squadron's training missions in global communications and defense. The Centurion skull symbolizes the continuing presence of the unit to defend and protect. (Approved, 13 Nov 1963; slightly modified, 17 Oct 1994)

Air Force emblem approved 4 Sep 1943; latest rendering, 26 Mar 2007. Space Force emblem approved 2 Mar 2022.

MOTTO

QUANDO RES POSTULAT--When Required

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 22 Jun 1943-25 Apr 1945.

Maintained proficiency in strategic missile operations, Jul 1963-Oct 1995.

Space initial qualification training, Oct 1994.

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