

392 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

The 392 Training Squadron conducts three initial qualification training, specialty-code awarding courses for Minuteman Rapid Execution & Combat Targeting A and B and Peacekeeper ICBM non-rated operations crews; basic mission orientation and refresher training for Air Force Personnel Center commanders and staff. The unit also conducts Officer Space Prerequisite Training and staff courses for space surveillance, warning, satellite control, spacelift, and ICBM forces.

LINEAGE

592 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 29 Jan 1943
Activated, 16 Feb 1943
Inactivated, 1 May 1944

392 Missile Training Squadron constituted, 20 May 1957
Activated, 15 Sep 1957
Redesignated 392 Missile Training Squadron (IRBM), 1 Apr 1958
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Feb 1963

592 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) and 392 Missile Training Squadron (IRBM) consolidated,
19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 392 Tactical Missile Squadron, 19 Sep 1985
Redesignated 392 Space and Missile Training Squadron, 1 Jul 1993
Activated, 1 Jul 1993
Redesignated 392 Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Vandenberg AFB, CA

Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 16 Feb 1943
Moses Lake AAB, WA, 10 Apr 1943
Drew Field, FL, 6 Nov 1943-1 May 1944
Cooke (later, Vandenberg) AFB, CA, 15 Sep 1957-1 Feb 1963
Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

396 Bombardment Group, 16 Feb 1943-1 May 1944
704 Strategic Missile Wing, 15 Sep 1957
1 Missile (later, 1st Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1959
392 Strategic Missile Wing, 18 Oct 1961
1 Strategic Aerospace Division, 19 Dec 1961-1 Feb 1963
17 Technical Training Group, 1 Jul 1993
Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1994
381 Training Group, 1 Oct 1994

ATTACHMENTS

1 Missile Division, 6 Apr-30 Jun 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1944
Thor, 1958-1962

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

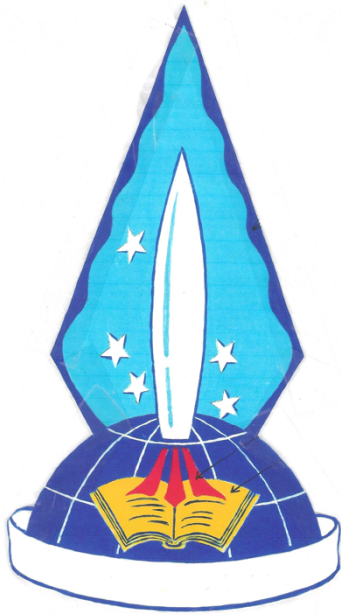
Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jan 1958-30 Jun 1962
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995
1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006

EMBLEM



392 Missile Training Squadron (IRBM-Thor) emblem: Over a light blue diamond-shaped area, edged wavy AF blue, an AF blue demi-globe in base, grid lines white, charged with an open book, AF golden yellow, details AF blue; over all a white missile shaded light blue, pointing upward leaving a trail of three red flames between five white stars on the light blue background" three stars to dexter, two stars to sinister. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Our emblem is shaped like a Chinese arrowhead. Since the arrowhead is considered to have been the first rocket designed by man, this is an appropriate symbol for our unit, which is the first operational ballistic missile squadron. The globe represents the free world we protect. The golden book symbolizes learning which is the primary mission of the squadron, and indicates the wealth of knowledge essential for our personnel. The rocket issuing from the book indicates that by this knowledge missiles can be launched. The red flames indicate the dynamic missile force. The blue background indicates the sky and the five stars represent the space beyond. The dark blue edge around the arrow symbolizes the unknown canopy of space yet to be penetrated. Our emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow. (Approved, 12 May 1959)

392 Space and Missile Training Squadron emblem: Centered on a light blue disc, border AF blue, a light blue diamond-shaped area, edged wavy AF blue, an AF blue demi-globe in base, grid lines white, charged with an open book, AF golden yellow, details AF blue; over all a white missile shaded light blue, pointing upward leaving a trail of three red flames between five white stars on the light blue background three stars to dexter, two stars to sinister. Our emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Our emblem is shaped like a Chinese arrowhead. Since the arrowhead is considered to have been the first rocket designed by man, this is an appropriate symbol for our unit, which is the first operational ballistic missile squadron. The globe represents the free world we protect. The golden book symbolizes learning which is the primary mission of the squadron, and indicates the wealth of knowledge essential for our personnel. The rocket issuing from the book indicates that by this knowledge missiles can be launched. The red flames indicate the dynamic missile force. The blue background indicates the

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OPERATIONS

Operational training unit, Mar-Aug 1943; replacement training, Aug 1943-Apr 1944.

SAC and the Thor Program - Under an early 1958 agreement, the United States and the United Kingdom shared responsibility for the Thor missile program. The United Kingdom agreed to build four bases and to man four Thor squadrons, while the United States agreed to furnish the missiles and provide training for the RAF crews. Effective 20 February 1958, the 705th Strategic Missile Wing (IRBM-Thor) was activated at Lakenheath RAF Station and assigned to the 7th Air Division. Shortly thereafter, the 705th moved to South Ruislip where it merged with Headquarters 7th Air Division. It was responsible for monitoring the Thor program and for providing technical assistance to the four RAF squadrons. Thor training for RAF crews began at Vandenberg in August. This training was provided by the 392d Missile Training Squadron which was activated at Vandenberg on 15 September 1957.

On 1 April 1994, AETC activated the 381st 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 381st Training Group, with four training squadrons, including the newly redesignated 392d Training Squadron.

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 532nd 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, in the base's July 13

release. "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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