

## 500<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, TACTICAL



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 3 Sep 1942  
Activated, 8 Sep 1942  
Inactivated, 19 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, 22 Mar 1954  
Activated, 19 Jul 1954  
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1959

#### STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 8 Sep 1942  
Walterboro AAFld, SC, 6 Mar-16 Apr 1943  
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 5 Jun 1943  
Dobodura, New Guinea, 1 Jan 1944  
Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944  
Biak, 23 Jul 1944  
Dulag, Leyte (operated from Biak), 10 Nov 1944  
Tacloban, Leyte, 27 Dec 1944  
San Marcelino, Luzon, 12 Feb 1945  
Clark Field, Luzon, 10 May 1945  
Ie Shima, 27 Jul-1 Dec 1945  
Ft Lewis, WA, 17-19 Dec 1945  
Langley AFB, VA, 19 Jul 1954-25 Jun 1959

#### ASSIGNMENTS

345<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 8 Sep 1942-19 Dec 1945

345<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 19 Jul 1954  
345<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 8 Oct 1957-25 Jun 1959

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-25, 1942-1945  
B-25D  
B-26, 1954-1955  
B-57, 1955-1959

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj A. A. Beckner, Jr., #@1955

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
China Defensive  
New Guinea  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Western Pacific  
Leyte  
Luzon  
China Offensive

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

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
New Britain, 18 Oct 1943  
Rabaul, New Britain, 2 Nov 1943

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

### **EMBLEM**



500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Tactical emblem: Over a white star, with a red circular center, is placed the head and neck of a charging white stallion, outlined in dark brown, emitting steam and fire from his nostrils. The reddened fire is also shown in the leading portion of the eye pupil. The entire design is placed over a true blue circular field, piped white, bordered true blue. (Approved, 10 Aug 1954)

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 22 Jun 1943-1 Sep 1945.