

22 SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1722 Combat Control Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jul 1984
Redesignated 62 Combat Control Squadron, 1 Jun 1992
Redesignated 22 Special Tactics Squadron, 1 May 1996

STATIONS

McChord AFB (later, Joint Base Lewis-McChord), WA, 1 Jul 1984

ASSIGNMENTS

Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1984
1725 Combat Control Group, 1 Mar 1991
62 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992
720 Special Tactics Group, 1 May 1996

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Afghanistan
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Consolidation III

Iraq
Liberation of Iraq with Arrowhead
National Resolution
Iraqi Surge
Iraqi Sovereignty
New Dawn

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989-1990

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
1 Sep 2001-31 Aug 2003

Gallant Unit Citation
1 Jan 2006-31 Dec 2007

Meritorious Unit Awards
1 Jan 2008-30 Sep 2009
1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011
1 Oct 2016-30 Sep 2018

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988
14 Jun-3 Jul 1991
1 Aug 1995-31 Jul 1997
1 Aug 1997-31 Jul 1999
1 Sep 1999-31 Aug 2001
1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2014

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Approved, 16 Jul 1999

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OPERATIONS

A-10C pilots from the 357th Fighter Squadron conducted austere operations training, operating from a dry lakebed at Fort Irwin, Calif., late last month. "This capability can be vital ... at locations and environments where US and coalition forces have a very limited footprint," said Maj. Mark Malan, a 357th FS pilot from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. "The A-10 was specifically designed with a more robust landing gear system to handle the stress" and is the only fighter-type aircraft in the Air Force capable of operating from unimproved strips, he added. "We maintain a unique capability to operate and integrate in a forward-deployed

austere location," but A-10 pilots seldom have the opportunity to practice the skill. Controllers with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron deployed from JB Lewis-McChord, Wash., for Exercise Green Flag West managed lakebed flight operations, affording three pilots the opportunity to certify on rough-field operations on Sept. 22. 2015

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