

Lineage and Honors History
of the
23 Flying Training Squadron (AETC)

Lineage. Constituted as 76 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 20 Nov 1940. Activated on 15 Jan 1941. Redesignated as 23 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy) on 3 Mar 1943. Disbanded on 6 Feb 1944. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985), with the following units: 23 Troop Carrier Squadron (which was constituted on 11 Nov 1944; activated on 21 Nov 1944; inactivated on 7 Sep 1946); 23 Helicopter Squadron (which was constituted on 24 Feb 1956; activated on 9 Jul 1956; inactivated on 8 Jan 1958); and 23 Tactical Air Support Squadron (which was constituted, and activated, on 8 Apr 1966; organized on 15 Apr 1966; inactivated on 22 Sep 1975; activated on 30 Nov 1975). Consolidated unit retained designation as 23 Tactical Air Support Squadron. Inactivated on 1 Nov 1991. Redesignated as 23 Flying Training Flight on 22 Dec 1993. Activated on 15 Jan 1994. Redesignated as 23 Flying Training Squadron on 21 Dec 1999.

Assignments. 42 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941 (air echelon attached to 45 Bombardment Group, c. 21 May 1942; Army Air Forces Antisubmarine Command, 13 Oct 1942; and 26 Antisubmarine Wing, 20 Nov 1942-9 Mar 1943); 41 Bombardment Group, 12 Feb 1943; AAF Antisubmarine Command, 3 Mar 1943; 26 Antisubmarine Wing, 9 Mar 1943 (attached to Trinidad Detachment, Antilles Air Command, 5 Aug-Dec 1943); I Bomber Command, 15 Oct 1943; XX Bomber Command, 6 Feb 1944. 60 Troop Carrier Wing, 21 Nov 1944; 349 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Dec 1944-7 Sep 1946. Eighteenth Air Force, 9 Jul 1956; 322 Air Division, 1 Nov 1956-8 Jan 1958. Pacific Air Forces, 8 Apr 1966; 505 Tactical Control Group, 15 Apr 1966 (attached to Tactical Air

Support Group Provisional, 6250, 1-8 Sep 1966; Tactical Air Support Group Provisional, 6253, 9 Sep-7 Dec 1966); 504 Tactical Air Support Group, 8 Dec 1966; 56 Special Operations Wing, 15 Mar 1972; Thirteenth Air Force, 30 Jun-22 Sep 1975 (attached to 656 Special Operations Wing, 30 Jun-22 Sep 1975). 602 Tactical Air Control Group (later, 602 Tactical Air Control Wing; 602 Air Control Wing), 30 Nov 1975-1 Nov 1991. 542 Operations Group, 15 Jan 1994; 58 Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994-.

Stations. Salt Lake City, UT, 15 Jan 1941; Gowen Field, ID, 4 Jun 1941; McChord Field, WA, 20 Jan 1942 (operated from Jacksonville Muni Aprt, FL, c. 21 May-24 Jul 1942; Opalocka NAS, FL, 24 Jul-6 Aug 1942; Drew Field, FL, 6 Aug 1942-24 Feb 1943; Batista Field, Cuba, 28 Feb-24 Apr 1943); Drew Field, FL, 8 Mar 1943 (operated from Langley Field, VA, 9-23 Jul 1943); Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 5 Aug 1943 (ground echelon remained at Drew Field until 15 Oct 1943, then moved to Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, where it was disbanded on 6 Nov 1943; detachment of air echelon operated from Zandery Field, Surinam, 15 Aug-Dec 1943); Drew Field, FL, 24 Dec 1943; Clovis AAFld, NM, 6 Feb 1944. Pope Field, NC, 21 Nov 1944; Baer Field, IN, 7-15 Mar 1945; Barkstone Heath, England, 3 Apr 1945; Roye/Amy Airfield, France, 18 Apr-13 Jul 1945; Bergstrom Field, TX, 17 Sep 1945-7 Sep 1946. Sewart AFB, TN, 9 Jul-12 Oct 1956; Phalsbourg AB, France, 1 Nov 1956-8 Jan 1958 (detachments operated from Wethersfield RAF Station, England, and Wheelus AB, Libya). Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 15 Apr 1966 (operated from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 15 Apr-14 Jul 1966); Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 15 Jul 1966-22 Sep 1975. Bergstrom AFB, TX, 30 Nov 1975; Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1980-1 Nov 1991. Fort Rucker, AL, 15 Jan 1994- (Fort Rucker re-designated Fort Novosel on 10 Apr 2023).

Aircraft. B-18, 1941; B-26, 1941-1942; A-29, 1942-1943; B-25, 1943. C-46, 1944-1946; C-47, 1944-1945. H-21, 1956-1957. O-1, 1966-1968; O-2, 1967-1971; OV-10, 1968-1975. O-2, 1975-1981; OV-10, 1975-1980; OA-37, 1981-1987; OA-10, 1987-1991. UH-1, 1994-2012; TH-1H, 2008-.

Operations. Antisubmarine patrols off the U.S. coast, Dec 1941-Dec 1943. Transported personnel and cargo in Europe, 1944-1945. Conducted helicopter missions in Europe, 1956-1958. Reconnaissance and forward air control over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Southeast Asia, Apr 1966-Jan 1973. Tactical air control for the evacuation of Phnom Penh, Cambodia and the *SS Mayaguez* Incident, Apr and May 1975. Trained forward air controllers, Nov 1975-c. Oct 1991. Helicopter training with U.S. Army, Jan 1994-2004. Maintained sole responsibility for Air Force undergraduate helicopter pilot training beginning in 2004. Began enlisted aviator fundamentals training in 2013.

Service Streamers. World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Antisubmarine, American Theater. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire. *Southwest Asia:* Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 15 Apr-30 Sep 1966; 1 Aug 1968-31 Aug 1969; 1 Nov 1968-1 May 1969; 1 Jan-31 Dec 1970; 30 Jan-31 Dec 1971; 1

Apr 1972-22 Feb 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V”: 1 Nov 1969-31 May 1970; 23 Feb 1973-28 Feb 1974; 24 Jan-2 May 1975. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979; 1 May 1984-30 Apr 1986; [15 Jan 1994]-30 Jun 1994; 1 Jul 1994-31 Dec 1995; 1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998; 1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000; 1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002; 1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003; 1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004; 1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005; 1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007; 1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008; 1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2011; 1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013; 1 Jul 2018-30 Jun 2020; 1 Jul 2020-30 Jun 2021. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: [15] Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973; 8 Feb - 31 Mar 1971; 1 Apr 1971-9 Mar 1972.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 10 Apr 2023.

Aircraft, and Operations through 1 Mar 2023.

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Emblem. Approved on 15 Nov 1994.

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