

## 312<sup>th</sup> AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS WING



### MISSION

As the 312th Aeronautical Systems Wing, it had responsibility for program execution to develop, acquire, field and modernize capabilities; and support for life-cycle management of the Fighter Attack portfolio for the United States and coalition partners. Wing responsibilities also included identifying, coordinating and implementing horizontal integration/capability planning across weapons systems in support of the Global Strike and Global Persistent Attack concept of operations.

### LINEAGE

312<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Wing established, 23 Mar 1953

Activated, 1 Oct 1954

Redesignated 312<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1958

Inactivated, 18 Feb 1959

Fighter Attack Systems Wing established, 23 Nov 2004

Activated, 18 Jan 2005

Redesignated 312<sup>th</sup> Aeronautical Systems Wing, 14 Jun 2006

312<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing and 312<sup>th</sup> Aeronautical Systems Wing consolidated, 23 Jun 2006

Consolidated unit retains 312<sup>th</sup> Aeronautical Systems Wing designation.

### STATIONS

Clovis (later, Cannon) AFB, NM, 1 Oct 1954-18 Feb 1959

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 18 Jan 2005

### ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 1 Oct 1954

Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1957  
832 Air Division, 8 Oct 1957-18 Feb 1959  
Aeronautical Systems Center, 18 Jan 2005

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-86, 1954-1957  
F-100, 1956-1959

### **COMMANDERS**

Col James B. Buck, 1 Oct 1954  
Col Henry H. Norman Jr., 17 Jul 1955  
Col Donald J. M. Blakslee, 20 Aug 1955  
BG William M. Momyer, c. 18 Sep 1955  
LTC James M. Miller, 8 Oct 1957  
Col Arlie J. Blood, 14 Oct 1957  
LTC Richard L. Ryan, 15 Nov 1957  
Col Arlie J. Blood, 6 Dec 1957  
Col Gilbert L. Meyers, 2 Sep 1958-18 Feb 1959  
Col Michael D. Williams, 18 Jul 2005

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

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

None

#### **Decorations**

None

### **EMBLEM**

Azure, above a globe Celeste, gridlined Argent, pierced bend sinisterwise by a sword of the last, surmounted by a stylized bird of prey Sable, five mullets in an arc of the third, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "312TH AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS WING" 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 bird of prey represents the attack role of the aircraft, while the sword and globe symbolize the ability to deliver precision effects for the Combatant Commanders as part of the unit's primary mission of providing "Global Reach and Power for America." The stars represent the unit's vital role of supplying America's allies, coalition partners, and U.S. Combat Air Forces around

the world with the best strike aircraft available. (Approved, 30 Nov 1956)



On a shield azure an eagle volant or, carrying with his talons a futuramic bomb argent, fire exhaust proper, and a branch of olive vert. (Approved, 30 Nov 1958)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Trained to maintain proficiency in fighter-bomber operations with conventional weapons to Sep 1955, then switched to training to maintain combat proficiency with atomic weapons. From Apr 1956-Oct 1957, rotated tactical squadrons to France, six months at a time.

Also furnished units to Tactical Air Command composite strike forces in the Far East, 1957-1958. Replaced by 27th Tactical Fighter Wing in Feb 1959.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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