

550th SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1550th Flying Training Squadron designated and activated, 1 Apr 1971

Redesignated 550th Flying Training Squadron, 1 Oct 1991

Redesignated 550th Special Operations Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Hill AFB, UT, 1 Apr 1971

Kirtland AFB, NM, 15 Mar 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

1550th Aircrew Training and Test (later, 1550th Combat Crew Training) Wing, 1 Apr 1971

542nd Operations Group, 1 Oct 1991

58th Operations Group, 1 Apr 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

TH-1, 1971-1987

UH-1, 1971-1987

HH-43, 1973-1975

HC-130, 1987
MC-130, 1992
HC-130N
HC-130P
MC-130P
MC-130H

COMMANDERS

LTC Richard F. Burdett, c. 1 Apr 1971
LTC R. R. Dreibelbis, by 31 Dec 1973
LTC Walter A. Malkiewicz, by 31 Dec 1975
Col Clarence C. Campbell, by Mar 1978
LTC Murle Wilson, 22 Jan 1981
LTC Robert E. Thomas, 1 Sep 1982
LTC Robert J. Pyeatt, 27 Mar 1984
LTC Louis E. Glass, 30 Jun 1986
LTC Philip E. Glenn, 30 Nov 1987
LTC Kenneth R. Brown, 23 Mar 1990
LTC William E. Osborne, 1 Oct 1991
LTC David W. Harris, 7 Nov 1994
LTC Douglas R. Lengenfelder, 22 Jul 1996
LTC David F. Ellis, 1 Jun 1998
LTC Brian H. Greenshields, 11 May 2000
LTC Dennis B. Pannell, 23 Jan 2002
LTC Jans R. Kasper, 25 Nov 2003
LTC David B. Mobley, 17 Nov 2005
LTC Michael D. Morelock, 10 Jul 2007
LTC David A. Harris, 28 May 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Apr 1974–31 Mar 1976
1 Apr 1976–31 Mar 1978

1 Jul 1985–30 Jun 1987
1 Jul 1987–30 Jan 1989
1 Jan 1993–30 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

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On a Blue disc, in front of a Zia Indian sun, sign in proper colors a Gray wolf detailed Black with a Yellow eye; all within a narrow Yellow border. Approved on 22 May 1984 modified on 25 Nov 1987

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