

## 866 TECHNICAL TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

866 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 Sep 1943  
Activated, 1 Dec 1943  
Inactivated, 7 Jan 1946  
Redesignated 866 Strategic Missile Squadron, 17 Jun 1958  
Activated, 1 Sep 1958  
Redesignated 866 Technical Training Squadron, 1 Jan 1960  
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 May 1962

### STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Dec 1943  
Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 14 Apr-1 Jun 1944  
Barking Sands, TH, 15 Jun 1944  
Angaur, 30 Sep 1944  
Yontan, Okinawa, 24 Jun-19 Dec 1945  
Vancouver, WA, 4-7 Jan 1946  
Huntsville, AL 1 Sep 1958-25 May 1962

### ASSIGNMENTS

494 Bombardment Group, 1 Dec 1943-4 Jan 1946  
704 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Sep 1958  
1 Missile (later Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1959-25 May 1962

### ATTACHMENTS

1 Missile Division, 1 Nov 1958

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1944-1945

Jupiter, 1958-1960

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Ryukyus

China Offensive

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

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

#### **Decorations**

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

### **EMBLEM**

On a yellow disc, border white, edged black, a caricatured, black monkey, afhonte, wearing light turquoise blue aviator's helmet, white goggles and parachute straps, and brown parachute pack, having a bandage marked with blood about right forearm, holding finger of right hand aloft in "O.K." symbol, and grasping with the left hand a gray aerial machine gun with smoke issuing from muzzle, all casting a black drop shadow toward base. (Approved, 3 May 1945)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Western and Southwest Pacific, 22 Nov 1944-12 Aug 1945. Trained in preparation for over seas deployment with Jupiter missiles, 1960-1962.

The Strategic Air Command turned over the one Jupiter IRBM squadron in Turkey to Turkish Air Force personnel and at the same time inactivated the 866th Technical Training Squadron. The squadron's warheads, however, remained in SAC's custody and possession until such time as they

were released for launch by an American warhead release order.25 may 1962

Headquarters SAC activated the 864th Strategic Missile Squadron (IRBM-Jupiter) at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Huntsville, Alabama, and assigned it to the 1st Missile Division. This was the first of three SAC Jupiter squadrons activated at the Redstone Arsenal during 1958 (the second, the 865th Strategic Missile Squadron, was activated on 1 June, while the third, the 866th Strategic Missile Squadron was activated on 1 September) in order to carry out the SAC responsibility of training Italian and Turkish crews in the operation of the Jupiter IRBM. 15 JAN 1958

Jupiter Squadron Deployed to Turkey - On 25 May 1962, the 866th Technical Training Squadron was inactivated at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Inactivation of this Jupiter training squadron had been made possible by the deployment of the third Jupiter squadron to Turkey in late 1961.

866th Strategic Missile Squadron

Redstone Arsenal

PGM-19 Jupiter, 1958-1962

1958-1962 Provided training for Turkish Air Force personnel in the operation and launching of the PGM-19 Jupiter

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