

3552 PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3552 Training Squadron
3552 Combat Crew Training Squadron (Interceptor)
3552 Flying Training Squadron
3552 Pilot Training Squadron

STATIONS

Moody AFB, GA, 21 Dec 1951-1 Dec 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

3550 Combat Crew Training Group (Interceptor)

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-94

COMMANDERS

Maj D. J. Pierini

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

When the F-94Cs entered the inventory, the F-94A/Bs models were transferred from Tyndall to operational squadrons and replaced by the more modern version, again directly from Lockheed. Midway during this period, during the summer of 1953, it was decided that Tyndall had grown too crowded for the All-Weatherfighter school. Thus the F-94 training program was relocated to Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, GA. Moody had become the home of the USAF Instrument Flying School when the AFB reopened in September 1951 after being dormant since the end of WWII. Joining the F-94 program at Moody from Tyndall was the F-89 Interceptor Training school, while the F-86D IT school stayed at Tyndall until 1957, and then moved to Perrin AFB, TX. The new parent unit was the 3550th PTW, which included the 3552nd and the 3553rd Pilot Training Squadrons. They had a total of 77 F-94Cs assigned, of which five were lost in training accidents. Moody's 3550th continued with the Starfire training program, along with the F-89 program in the 3553rd PTS until the Scorpion finally came full force into the USAF inventory after its teething problems were rectified. By 1956-57 the F-94Cs were either transferred to operational units or to Yuma County Airport, AZ later Vincent AFB, and the 4750th Training Wing (Air Defense, and later, Air Defense Wing) to complete the curriculum under ADC direction.

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