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Welcome to the 562nd Flying Training Squadron



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The 562nd FTS is home to America's Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (JSUNT).

"Your Quest for Wings is Fulfilled Here."

PURPOSE: This site provides organizational information pertaining to the 562nd Flying Training Squadron and information regarding Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training to the interested public.

The 562nd is part of the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, TX.

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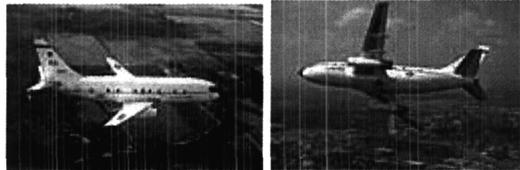
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Our Aircraft--the T-43

JSUNT utilizes the Boeing T-43A Bobcat, also known as the "Gator" (short for "navigator"). Combined with the T45 simulator, it provides the hands-on training critical to producing the world's finest navigators, electronic warfare officers, and naval flight officers.



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For more information, consult the official USAF Fact Sheet on the T-43.

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Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training

Mission Statement | Squadron Vision

The 562 FTS is the home of JSUNT.



MISSION STATEMENT

DoD's only Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (JSUNT) for heavy panel and maritime navigators. Provides officership, academic, simulator and flight training to Air Force, Navy, Air Reserve component and select International students leading to the aeronautical rating of Navigator or Naval Flight Officer. The Air Force Schoolhouse for all T-43A initial qualification training of instructor navigator and pilot cadre.

SQUADRON VISION

Air Force and Navy personnel producing the world's finest Air Force Navigators and Naval Flight Officers.

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History of the 562nd Flying Training Squadron

The 562nd Flying Training Squadron in its current form was activated on 14 May 1993 as part of Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training's move to Randolph AFB and the 12th Flying Training Wing.



Originally activated at Gowen Field (now Boise Air Terminal), Idaho, on 24 December 1942, the 562nd moved to Wendover Field, Utah, on 5 February 1943, to commence training in B-17 aircraft. The 562nd participated in approximately 300 combat missions in the European Theater of Operations from 17 July 1943 until its last World War II mission, flown to the Landsberg Aerodrome near Munich, on 21 April 1945. During the summer of 1945, the 562nd airlifted food to starving people of the Netherlands.

From August 1945 until 1980, the squadron saw several periods of activation and deactivation. During this period, the 562nd flew AT-6, AT-11, C-46, C-47, B-26, F-86, F-100, and F-105 aircraft at various bases. During 1965, while at McConnell AFB, Kansas, the 562nd deployed to Takhli Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, where it participated in five months of sustained combat operations in the Vietnam campaign.



From 31 October 1974 to 30 June 1992, the 562nd was stationed at George AFB (now Southern California Logistics Airport), California to fly the F-105 and then the F-4G "Wild Weasel" aircraft, participating in Operation Desert Storm. The squadron currently employs the T-43.



Squadron decorations include two Distinguished Unit Citations, one Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device, three Outstanding Unit Awards, and eight campaign streamers.

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