

390 MISSILE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

390 Missile Maintenance Squadron activated, 1 Jan 1962
Inactivated

STATIONS

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jan 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



390 Missile Maintenance Squadron emblem: On an Air Force yellow disc within a narrow Air Force blue border. An Old Glory red double-ended lightning bolt sinister (left) bendwise, surmounted by a white missile edged Air Force blue. Entwined by a hunter great olive branch an overall an Air Force blue skylined roadrunner detailed white, beak to dexter (right), running, legs extended, slightly above a narrow Air Force blue band fesswise. Below an Air Force yellow scroll edged and lettered Air Force blue. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The running roadrunner's native bird of Arizona, the state where the unit was organized in 1962, depicts the squadron and the millions of miles traveled in the accomplishment of its mission. The missile entwined by the olive branch signifies that power is being held dormant for peaceful purposes. The lightning bolt refers to a prior attack add to the awesome power of the missile which such an attack could bring forth. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue.

MOTTO

Peregriomur Pro Pace – We Travel For Peace.

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OPERATIONS

One of the biggest steps forward in the activation program occurred on 27 November 1962 when the first Titan II missile arrived at Davis-Monthan aboard a C-133 transport aircraft. Personnel of the 390th Missile Maintenance Squadron (MIMS) garnered the distinction of being the first all-military crew to perform the Titan II off-loading function. Ingenuity played a significant role in that accomplishment. When it was discovered that there was insufficient clearance between the plane and the missile to permit unloading, someone came up with an idea to lower the pressure in the transporter tires. It worked, but just barely. When the missile finally rolled down the ramp, there was only one-half inch of clearance. That first missile was subsequently installed at site 570-2 on 8 December 1962 and the complex was turned over to SAC for operational use on 31 March 1963.

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