

397 AIRBORNE MISSILE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

397 Airborne Missile Maintenance Squadron activated, 1 Feb 1963
Inactivated, 25 Apr 1968

STATIONS

Dow AFB, ME

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc divided horizontally, lower half tangerine orange, upper half divided bendwise Air

Force blue in dexter grotto blue in sinister, by an Air Force yellow stylized missile, outlined Air Force blue, ascending to dexter chief between in sinister an arched white diminishing contrail issuant from sinister horizon and in dexter an arched white lightning bolt issuant from dexter chief striking in dexter base, all within a narrow white border; below a white scroll edged and lettered Air Force blue. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The light and deep blue background allude to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, 'Wherein our missiles are flown day and night. The orange is the squadron's color and refers to the ground where our operational mission is accomplished. The stylized missile symbolizes the assigned missiles with the contrail depicting the flight path of the carrier aircraft and the missiles The lightning bolt represents the missiles descent to target and signifies that the missiles eventually impact on the ground to fulfill the mission requirements in either wartime or peacetime. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approved 22 Sep 1964)

MOTTO

PRIMUS INTER PARES - First Among Equals

OPERATIONS

Replaced 4038 Airborne Missile Maintenance Squadron.

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Sources

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