

455 MISSILE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSILE

LINEAGE

455 Missile Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Minot AFB, ND, 1 Nov 1962-25 Jun 1968

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col F. A. Latta, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a blue disc a white armored hand detailed black issuing from siniste] holding a white Minuteman detailed black in the palm in front of a diagonal green olive branch outlined black highlighted white and holding in his left hand an AF yellow lightning bolt outlined AF blue on the

opposite diagonal, from emblem's lower left to upper right. In dexter, a white star outlined AF blue, all within an AF yellow border. Motto: Below the disc a white scroll outlined Air Force yellow with ANIMUS OPIBUSQUE PARATI in Air Force blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Minuteman represents the missile program, the olive branch alludes to peace. The lightning bolt reflects the squadron's weapon system, always ready but maintained at a safe "parade rest," and the star represents Polaris, the squadron's reference star. The armored hand represents maintenance support. The sky alludes to the primary theater of the Air Force. (Approved, 19 Mar 1964)

MOTTO

ANIMUS OPIBUSQUE PARATI—Prepared in mind and resources

OPERATIONS

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