

# 487<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL MISSILE WING



## LINEAGE

## STATIONS

Comiso AB, Italy

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM

## EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## **OPERATIONS**

The 487th Tactical Missile Wing (TMW) was part of the NATO Theater Nuclear Force. Stationed in Sicily, at Comiso Air Station, the 487th TMW deployed 108 BGM-109G Ground Launched Cruise Missiles, each with a nuclear warhead with a selectable yield from 0.2kt to 150kt. During a war with the USSR, the 487th was tasked to conduct nuclear strikes against fixed targets supporting the Soviet Southwestern TVD, such as airfields, transportation hubs, munitions and supply dumps and command and control facilities. The seven flights of the 487th's 302nd Missile Squadron, each composed of four 4-missile TELs (Transport-Erector-Launcher vehicles), 18 other vehicles and over 70 personnel (including 44 assigned to security duties) deployed to remote sites around Sicily during times of tension. While in garrison at Comiso, the TELs were kept in large bunkers strengthened against conventional and nuclear attack.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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