

509 MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 509 Munitions Squadron enables the rapid employment of air power in support of global attack missions by producing quality munitions and armament systems support. The unit performs assembly, inspection and maintenance of strategic weapons, precision-guided munitions and release assemblies to meet nuclear and conventional B-2 missions in support of Air Force Global Strike Command taskings and U.S. Strategic Command Single Integrated Operational Plan commitments.

LINEAGE

509 Munitions Maintenance Squadron constituted, 15 Aug 1972
Activated, 1 Oct 1972
Inactivated on 30 Sep 1990
Redesignated 509 Munitions Squadron 29 Sep 2000
Activated, 15 Nov 2000

STATIONS

Pease AFB, NH, 1 Oct 1972-30 Sep 1990
Whiteman AFB, MO, 15 Nov 2000

ASSIGNMENTS

509 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1972-30 Sep 1990
509 Logistics Group, 15 Nov 2000

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

1 Jun 1984-30 Jun 1985

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, below and in front of a nuclear cloud Proper (Silver Gray) a bombshell Sable, fired per fess wavy Or and Gules, radiating upwards from a common center point just below the bomb, four lightning bolts, two to front and two to rear bevilled as the flame, all within a diminished border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "509TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SEMPER PARATUS NAM BELLUM" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 atomic cloud burst represents the two atomic bombs used in wartime by the 509th Bomb Wing and further demonstrates that atomic power is still used as a deterrent to war and a defender of peace. The flaming ordnance pot refers to the ordnance personnel. The four lightning bolts symbolize the Squadron's constant state of readiness. (Approved, 17 Jan 1978)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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