

# 709 NUCLEAR SYSTEMS SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency constituted and activated as a field operating agency, 1 Aug 1998

Redesignated as 709 Nuclear Systems Squadron, and removed from field operating agency status, 1 Aug 2008

## STATIONS

Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Aug 1998

## ASSIGNMENTS

United States Air Force, 1 Aug 1998

498 Nuclear Systems Group, 1 Aug 2008

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

None

### Campaign Streamers

None

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

## Decorations

None

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a chevron humetté enhanced Argent, emitting a lightning flash striking to base Gules, fimbriated of the second and surmounting an ellipse Vert, also fimbriated and gridlined of the second between an atomic symbol and an aerial bomb nose downward in fess Sable, all within a narrow border Or. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CERTA BONUM CERTAMEN" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "709TH NUCLEAR SYSTEMS SQUADRON" 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 symbol and bomb denote the nuclear stockpile that the unit is chartered to oversee. The globe refers to the global reach and deterrence of nuclear stockpiling. The lightning flash, adapted from the former Air Force Weapons Laboratory shield combined with the chevron, signifies the Squadron's support of its historical lineage. (Approved, 29 Oct 2008)

## **MOTTO**

CERTA BONUM CERTAMEN--Fight The Good Battle

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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### Sources

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