

1st GUIDED MISSILES SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE¹

1st Guided Missiles Squadron

STATIONS

Eglin AFB, Florida, 20 Jul 1949-11 Dec 1950

Patrick AFB, Florida, 11 Dec 1950-30 Dec 1950

ASSIGNMENTS

550th Guided Missiles Wing

WEAPON SYSTEMS

JB-2 Loon

VB-6 Felix

VB-3 Razon

VB-13 Tarzon

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS²

The 1st Experimental Guided Missiles Group that had been formed at Eglin Air Field in 1946 was inactivated on July 20, 1949, and replaced by the 550th Guided Missiles Wing. The 97 officers and 523 airmen of the 1st were transferred to the new 550th Wing and were assigned duties identical to their tasks in the old Experimental Guided Missiles Group. The 550th was a Wing-level organization, rather than the smaller Group, and it had four squadrons to carry out its functions rather than depend on the host unit for support. The 550th Headquarters Squadron, the 1st Guided Missiles Squadron, the 2nd Guided Missiles Squadron, and the 550th Maintenance Squadron (Guided Missiles) comprised the new Guided Missiles Wing. Gone was the "Experimental" part of the name. Instead, the 1st Guided Missiles Squadron was given the responsibility of air to surface guided bombs and missiles.

In October 1951, less than a year later receiving its new name, the 1st Guided Missiles Squadron was inactivated at Patrick as the 1st Pilotless Bomber Squadron had been activated. The new 1st Pilotless Bomber Squadron, (Light), was formed as part of the 6555th Guided Missiles Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.