

10 MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

10 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 22 Dec 1939

Activated, 1 Feb 1940

Redesignated 10 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 7 May 1942

Redesignated 10 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 21 Sep 1943

Inactivated, 17 Jun 1944

Redesignated 10 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 11 Mar 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 18 Jun 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 10 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 7 Jun 1955

Activated, 1 Sep 1955

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Jun 1961

Redesignated 10 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) and activated, 2 Aug 1961

Organized, 1 Dec 1961

Redesignated 10 Missile Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb–26 Oct 1940

Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1940

Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 1 Nov 1942 (detachment operated from Port of Spain, Trinidad, 27 Aug–12 Oct 1943)

Waller Field, Trinidad, 1 Oct 1943

France Field, Canal Zone, 11 Dec 1943–2 May 1944

Lincoln AAFld, NE, 25 May–17 Jun 1944

Westover Field (later, AFB), MA, 18 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949

Abilene (later, Dyess) AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961
Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Dec 1961

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 9 Jan–3 Apr 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

25 Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940
VI Bomber Command, attached 13 Dec 1943, assigned 17 Dec 1943
Second Air Force, May–17 Jun 1944
341 Bombardment Group, 18 Jun 1947–27 Jun 1949
341 Bombardment Wing, 1 Sep 1955–25 Jun 1961
Strategic Air Command, 2 Aug 1961
341 Strategic Missile Wing, 1 Dec 1961
341 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B–17, 1940
A–17, 1940–1941
B–18, 1940 1943
B–25, 1943–1944
AT–6, 1947–1949
AT–11, 1947–1949
B–47, 1956–1961
Minuteman I, 1962
Minuteman II, 1968
Minuteman III

COMMANDERS

Maj Alva L. Harvey 1 Feb 1940
1LT Maurice M. Miller 1 Jun 1941-11 Dec 1941
Col N. W. Kirk
Lt Col Mike Calvaresi
Lt Col Kristen Nemish

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

22 Oct 1962–31 Dec 1963

1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976

1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977

1 Jul 1979–30 Jun 1981

1 Jul 1988–30 Jun 1990

1 Jul 1990–30 Jun 1991

1 Sep 1991–31 Aug 1993

EMBLEM



10 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) emblem approved, 27 Sep 1940



10 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) emblem: On an AF blue disc bordered AF golden yellow, an AF golden yellow lion rampant, shaded golden brown, his tongue red, emerging from a hole, dark brown rimmed red; five red lightning flashes radiating upward from the hole, fimbriated white. Motto: On a white scroll edged and inscribed AF blue, THE FIRST ACE IN THE HOLE. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Against a background of ultramarine blue To represent the sky and bordered AF golden yellow to display the Air Force colors, a lion, retained from the former emblem emerges from a hole as a symbol of the unit's "Ace in the Hole." The lion, representing the unit's force and striking power, directs and controls the launch operations of

the five lightning bolts, symbolizing the five flights of missiles for which the squadron is responsible, and their quick reaction capability. The red rim around the emplacement indicates security of the weapon and signals danger to unauthorized intrusion. (Approved, 21 Jun 1963)



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MOTTO

THE FIRST ACE IN THE HOLE

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols and convoy escort in Caribbean during World War II.

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