

16th MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

16th Aviation Depot Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1956

Activated, 1 Jan 1957

Redesignated 16th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1960

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Sep 1963

Redesignated 16th Munitions Squadron, 28 May 2009

Activated, 1 Jun 2009

STATIONS

Whiteman AFB, Missouri, 1 Jan 1957-1 Sep 1963

Malmstrom AFB, Montana, 1 Jun 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

340th Air Base (later, 340th Combat Support) Group, 1 Jan 1957

340th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1960-1 Sep 1963

498th Nuclear Systems Wing, 1 Jun 2009

COMMANDERS

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

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc bendwise sinister Argent and Azure, a lightning bolt bendwise sinister Gules, fimbriated of the first, between in chief an olive branch Vert and an atomic symbol of the second and third, and in base a mushroom cloud of the first, detailed of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DETRERERE PER VIM" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "16TH MUNITIONS 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 olive branch symbolizes the peace the unit strives to maintain through deterrence. The atomic symbol indicates the unit's peaceful purposes. The mushroom cloud represents the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons in modern warfare. The lightning bolt separates the opposing forces. (Approved, 17 Nov 1958)²

MOTTO

DETRERERE PER VIM--Deterrence Through Power

OPERATIONS

² The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, Virginia.