

38th COMBAT SUPPORT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

38th Bombardment Wing, Light established, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1949

Activated, 1 Jan 1953

Redesignated 38th Bombardment Wing, Tactical, 1 Oct 1955

Redesignated 38th Tactical Missile Wing, 18 Jun 1958

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Sep 1966

Redesignated 38th Flying Training Wing, 22 Mar 1972

Activated, 1 Aug 1972

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1973

Activated, 1 Dec 1973

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1975

Redesignated 38th Tactical Missile Wing, 4 Dec 1984

Activated, 1 Apr 1985

Inactivated, 22 Aug 1990

Redesignated 38th Engineering Installation Wing, 1 Nov 1994

Activated, 8 Nov 1994

Inactivated, 3 Feb 2000

Redesignated 38th Combat Support Wing, 19 Apr 2004

Activated, 25 May 2004

Inactivated on 11 Sep 2007

STATIONS

Itami Afld, Japan, 18 Aug 1948-1 Apr 1949
Laon AB, France, 1 Jan 1953
Hahn AB, Germany, 18 Jun 1958
Sembach AB, Germany, 20 Aug 1959-25 Sep 1966
Laredo AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1972-30 Sep 1973
Moody AFB, GA, 1 Dec 1973-1 Dec 1975
Wueschheim AS, Germany, 1 Apr 1985-22 Aug 1990
Tinker AFB, OK, 8 Nov 1994-3 Feb 2000
Ramstein AB, Germany, 25 May 2004

ASSIGNMENTS

315th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948-1 Apr 1949
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958
Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959-25 Sep 1966
Air Training Command, 1 Aug 1972-30 Sep 1973
Air Training Command, 1 Dec 1973-1 Dec 1975
Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1985-22 Aug 1990
Electronic Systems Center, 8 Nov 1994-3 Feb 2000
Third Air Force, 25 May 2004

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-26 (later, B-26), 1948-1949
B-26, 1953-1956
B-57, 1955-1958
Matador, 1958-1962
Mace, 1960-1966
T-37, 1972-1973
T-38, 1972-1973
T-37, 1973-1975
T-38, 1973-1975
Gryphon (BGM-109G), 1986-1990

COMMANDERS

Col Preston P. Pender, 18 Aug 1948
Col Robert W. Witty, 16 Nov 1948-1 Apr 1949
Col William L. Kennedy, 1 Jan 1953
Col Albert W. Satterwhite, 4 Jul 1954
Col Wilbur W. Aring, 17 Jul 1954
Col John N. Ewbank Jr., 20 Jul 1957
Col Theodore H. Runyon, 18 Jun 1958
Col Arthur T. Frontczak, 15 Jul 1958
Col Harry J. Sands Jr., 21 Jul 1958

Col Arthur T. Frontczak, 16 Jun 1961
Col Rollo C. Lawrence, 6 Jun 1962
Col Linus F. Upson Jr., 4 Aug 1963
Col Otto R. Haney, 10 Aug 1963
Col Britt S. May, 18 Jun 1965
Col Bertram A. Kibler Jr., 5 Jul-25 Sep 1966
Col LeRoy W. Svendsen Jr., 1 Aug 1972
Col Robert W. Bazley, 8 Nov 1972-30 Sep 1973
Col Philip C. Gast, 1 Dec 1973
Col George T. Kertesz, 11 Apr 1975
Col Frank D. Hardee, 12 Sep-1 Dec 1975
Col Bruce M. Westbrook, 1 Apr 1985
Col Dennis K. Hummel, 13 Feb 1987
Col Richard A. Myers, 16 Aug 1988- 22 Aug 1990
Col Gary L. Salisbury, 8 Nov 1994
Col Melvin D. Flack, 17 Jun 1996
Col Michael A. Coursey, 27 May 1998-3 Feb 2000
Col Richard Weathers, 25 May 2004
Col Earl Matthews, Jun 2005-Apr 2007
Unkn, Apr-11 Sep 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr 1956-1 Mar 1958
1 Apr 1959-30 Jan 1961
1 Jun 1964-1 Jun 1966
1 Apr 1985-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988
1 Jul 1988-31 May 1990
8 Nov 1994-8 Dec 1995
9 Dec 1995-9 Dec 1997
10 Dec 1997-10 Dec 1998
11 Dec 1998-3 Feb 2000
25 May 2004-31 Oct 2005

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 38th Bombardment Group prior to 18 Aug 1948

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

Papua

Northern Solomons

New Guinea

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Papua, [Sep] 1942-23 Jan 1943

New Britain, 24-26 Dec 1943

New Guinea, 16-17 Jun 1944

Leyte, 10 Nov 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

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Approved, 2 May 1995

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OPERATIONS

Assisted in the air defense of Japan and participated in tactical exercises, Aug 1948-Mar 1949. Participated in tactical operations, tests, and exercises of US Air Forces in Europe with B-26 and B-57 aircraft, 1953-1958.

In Jun 1958, replaced 701st Tactical Missile Wing at Hahn AB, Germany, and became involved in tactical missile operations and training with TM-61 Matador and later with TM-76 (later, MGM-13) Mace tactical missiles. Inactivated in Sep 1966.

On September 25, 1966, 1,962 members of the 38th Tactical Missile Wing were relieved of duty. About half were immediately reassigned to the newly formed 603rd Air Base Wing at Sembach. Most of the wing's support personnel, from the 38th Tactical Hospital, Food Service, Transportation, and Air Police moved to the 603rd and remained at Sembach. Most of the remaining missile-related 948 personnel were returned to the U.S. either for immediate reassignment or discharge. Only six were reassigned elsewhere in USAFE."

Replaced, and absorbed resources of the 3640th Pilot Training Wing at Laredo AFB, TX, on 1 Aug 1972 and performed pilot training to 28 Aug 1973.

Replaced, and absorbed resources of the 3550th Pilot Training Wing at Moody AFB, GA, on 1 Dec 1973. Performed pilot training until 21 Nov 1975.

Replaced by 347th Tactical Fighter Wing and inactivated on 1 Dec 1975.

Tactical missile operations, equipped with ground-launched cruise missiles to counter Soviet intermediate-range ballistic missiles, 1986-1990. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty

with the Soviet Union which went into force on 1 Jun 1988 led to inactivation of the wing on 22 Aug 1990.

Served as engineering wing 8 Nov 1994-3 Feb 2000.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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