

4320 STRATEGIC WING (MISSILE)

MISSION

LINEAGE

4320 Strategic Wing (Missile) activated, 1 Feb 1958
Inactivated, 23 Feb 1958

STATIONS

F.E. Warren AFB, WY, 1 Feb 1958-23 Feb 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Headquarters SAC activated its first Atlas missile wing at F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, the 4320th Strategic Wing (missile). 1 FEB 1958

Headquarters SAC inactivated the 4320th Strategic Wing at F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming and in its stead activated the 706th Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Atlas). 23 FEB 1958

1st Missile Division Assigned to SAC - Through exhaustive and successful testing in 1957, the Air Force's strategic missiles developed to the point where they could start the transition from the research and development to the operational stage. As part of this transition, the 1st Missile Division, located at Cooke Air Force Base (renamed Vandenberg in October), California, was transferred from Air Research and Development Command to SAC. The transfer was effected on 1 January, and Major General David Wade assumed command of the division on the following day. Included in the transfer was the 704th Strategic Missile Wing, which had been activated as USAF's first missile wing on 1 July 1957. The 704th had a dual mission of training missile crews for other units and attaining an operational capability with the Atlas ICBM. It had one Atlas D squadron, the 576th Strategic Missile Squadron, assigned. Activated on 1 April, the 576th had a dual responsibility of maintaining an Atlas D alert force and providing training for other SAC Atlas units.

Atlas and Titan Wings Activated - The first Atlas wing was activated at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on 1 February under the designation of 4320th Strategic Missile Wing. In an inactivation and activation transaction on 23 February, the designation was changed to 706th Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Atlas). Later in the year, two Atlas D squadrons were activated and assigned to the 706th. On 25 September, the first Titan unit, the 703d Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Titan) was activated at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. Both missile wings were assigned to the 1st Missile Division. 1958

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