

96th TEST GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

96th Test Group

STATIONS

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96th Test Wing

COMMANDERS

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Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, a falcon's head erased Or holding in its beak a drop bomb bendwise nose to base Gules, garnished Sanguine, fimbriated of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "96TH TEST GROUP" in Blue letters. 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 falcon's head heraldically denotes the organization's bombardment heritage and also symbolizes the unit's steadfast pursuit of mission accomplishments. The bomb itself represents the weapons testing mission of the wing.

MOTTO

E SEMPRE L'ORA--It Is Always the Hour

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Officials at Holloman AFB, N.M., inactivated the 46th Test Group, and then subsequently activated as the 96th Test Group during a base ceremony. The group, which oversees Air Force testing at White Sands Missile Range, now reports to the 96th Test Wing at Eglin AFB, Fla. The wing stood up in July via the consolidation of Eglin's 46th TW and 96th Air Base Wing; it falls under the Air Force Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif. "When the new 96th Test Wing was activated, it was apparent that our tenant unit here would follow the new parent organization name change," said Col. Charles Webb, 96th TG commander. The Holloman unit will continue its previous mission, according to an Oct. 3 base release. That includes flight testing weapons, evaluating navigation and guidance systems, and assessing radar cross sections. 2012

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