

## 35 TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

35 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 22 Dec 1939

Activated, 1 Feb 1940

Redesignated 35 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 7 May 1942

Disbanded, 20 Jun 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 35 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 26 May 1947

Activated in the reserve, 13 Jul 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

35 Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC) constituted and activated, 17 Dec 1959

Organized, 1 Jun 1960

Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

35 Bombardment Squadron, Light and 35 Tactical Missile Squadron consolidated, 19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 35 Tactical Missile Squadron, 19 Sep 1985. Unit remains inactive.

#### STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1 Feb-26 Oct 1940

Borinquen Field, PR, 31 Oct 1941

Coolidge Field, Antigua, 11 Nov 1941

Zandery Field, Surinam, 1 Nov 1942 (detachments operated from Atkinson Field, British Guiana, 1 Nov 1942-7 Oct 1943; and from Port of Spain, Trinidad, 27 Aug-12 Oct 1943)

Vernam Field, Jamaica, 7 Oct 1943

Trinidad, 7 Feb-24 Mar 1944

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, Apr-20 Jun 1944  
Phillips Field, Md, 13 July 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Niagara Falls Intl Aprt, NY, 1 Jun 1960-31 Dec 1969

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

25 Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940-20 Jun 1944  
Eleventh Air Force, 13 Jul 1947  
322 Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Air Defense Command, 17 Dec 1959  
Syracuse Air Defense Sector, 1 Jun 1960  
Detroit Air Defense Sector, 4 Sep 1963  
34 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
35 Air Division, 15 Sep 1969  
21 Air Division, 19 Nov 1969-31 Dec 1969

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-18, 1941-1943  
B-25, 1943-1944  
BOMARC B Missile, 1961-1969

### **COMMANDERS**

Capt Karl Truesdell, Jr. 3 Jul 1940-9 Sep 1940  
Unkn, 1 Feb 1940-30 Oct 1942  
Maj Edwin H Hawes, 31 Oct 1942  
Maj Joseph R Ambrose, 6 Nov 1942  
Maj Edwin H Hawes, 8 Dec 1942  
Capt Roland H Rue, 4 Apr 1943  
Capt Charles E Williams Jr, 30 Jun 1943  
Maj William W Walmsley, 25 Jul 1943  
Capt Erskine G Berry Jr, 3 Oct 1943  
Maj Oren J Poage, 21 Nov 1943-unkn  
Unkn, 13 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949  
Unkn, 1 Jun 1960-31 Jul 1960  
Lt Col James C Cuddington, 1 Aug 1960  
Maj Milford V Peck, late 1960  
Lt Col Frank L Nicolai, Jr, 30 Jun 1961  
Lt Col William T Quirk, 1 Jan 1963  
Maj Leslie D Keiser, 1 Jan 1965  
Lt Col Alfred I. Flynn, 9 Sep 1966

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jun 1962-31 May 1964

#### **EMBLEM**



On an Air Force blue disc edged white within a wide black border edged white, two silver gray rays throughout issuing from dexter base and sinister base respectively, and converging to dexter chief surmounted by an Air Force golden yellow lightning bolt fesswise issuing from the outer-perimeter of the border in sinister; over all between the two rays a missile in upward bendwise flight emitting exhaust to outer perimeter of the border in base, all white. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. 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 and signifies power to reserve the peace. Against a backdrop of deep blue to indicate the sky which is guarded by the organization, two gray streaks indicating twilight which divides the daylight and the darkness, and a lightning bolt representing the power of the weapon are surmounted by a missile streaking across the emblem to represent this unit's primary purpose. The white color symbolizes the purity of peace. (Approved, 23 Apr 1963)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Ground elements departed from Fort Monroe, VA, on 27 October 1940 on an army transport and arrived 2 November 1940 at San Juan, PR. Aircraft and crews departed Langley Field on 1 November 1940 for Borinquen Field, PR, and arrived several days later. Transferred on 11 November 1941 to Coolidge Field, Antigua.

After 7 Dec 1941, flew anti-submarine patrols from Caribbean bases to protect convoys carrying bauxite and other South American commodities to Trinidad for transshipment to the United States. On 18 Mar 1943, Major Edwin H. Hawes, the Squadron Commander, negotiated U.S. role in coup that overthrew the pro-German administration of French Guiana. As a result of this coup, allied aircraft obtained immediate use of airbases located in that territory.

From 1960 to 1962 trained personnel and prepared for operations associated with the Bomarc B unmanned interceptor missiles. Attained operational readiness on 10 Feb 1962, six months after receiving first missiles. Maintained capability to intercept and destroy hostile aircraft until manned bomber threat to the United States and Canada became negligible. Inactivated on 31 Dec 1969.



B-18 with unofficial emblem, Coolidge Field, Antigua, 1941.

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