

6 AIR DEFENSE MISSILE SQUADRON (BOMARC)



MISSION

6 Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC) mission was to provide IM-99 BOMARC missiles for interception and destruction of hostile airborne objects; To support the operations of other commands as directed by this or higher headquarters; To develop a thorough understanding among assigned personnel of the SAGE-ADM squadron relationship in the Air Defense operations; To equip, administer, and train assigned or attached personnel and provide a force in a maximum state of readiness for use in air defense; To conduct and participate in all phases of air defense training which will insure fulfillment of the overall mission of the Unit

LINEAGE

6 Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC)

Activated, 1 Feb 1959

Inactivated, 15 Dec 1964

STATIONS

Suffolk City AFB, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

New York Air Defense Sector

WEAPON SYSTEMS

CIM-10 Bomarc 1959-1964

COMMANDERS

Lt Col R. Anderson

Lt Col Robert E. Kaempfer, #1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc of light blue sky, a formation of three AF golden yellow stars in sinister chief between two red stylized aircraft flying fesswise in chief leaving white vapor trails to sinister chief and two white missiles pointing upward and intercepting the aircraft, leaving wide AF blue, red and white trails arched to sinister; issuing from base and surmounting the lower missile trail. **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 skyline at night indicates the large metropolitan area over which the missile squadron stands guard. The two skyward-bound missiles and the two aircraft represent the mission of the unit to seek, intercept, and destroy. The sky and stars symbolize the vast area over which this unit stands eternal vigilance. (Approved, 16 Jun 1960)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 6 was the second BOMARC missile squadron in the Air Defense Command. At the time of activation, the missile site was under construction at a location five miles away from Suffolk County Air Force Base. During the construction period the squadron was located at SCAFB.

In early August, thirteen officers and 150 airmen assembled at Hurlburt Field, FL for approximately three months of unit training. During the early portion of the training period, squadron personnel were trained in all areas of our sophisticated missile. Later they applied their newly acquired knowledge to practical use and conducted actual test firings.

In early November, the personnel from Florida joined the squadron personnel already at the site and the squadron was, for the first time, a single unit at a single location. From that point on, all squadron personnel worked together toward achieving the squadron's operational goal.

USAF Unit Histories

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