

# 301 MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

1 Tactical Support Squadron constituted, 24 Aug 1951  
Activated, 1 Sep 1951  
Redesignated 1 Tactical Depot Squadron, 8 Jul 1954  
Redesignated 301 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1962  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Oct 1964  
Activated, 1 Mar 1971  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1972

## STATIONS

Sandia Base, NM, 1 Sep 1951  
Langley AFB, VA, 18 Feb 1952-21 May 1952  
Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 1 Jun 1952-1 Oct 1964  
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Mar 1971-1 Oct 1972

## ASSIGNMENTS

1090 Special Reporting Wing  
Tactical Air Command, 18 Feb 1952  
Third Air Force, 5 Jun 1952  
Northern Air Materiel Area, 1 Oct 1954  
7530 Air Depot Group, 15 Jan 1955  
Third Air Force, 15 Oct 1955  
7232 Tactical (later, 7232 Munitions Maintenance) Group 15 Jun 1961  
1 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Mar 1971-1 Oct 1972

## COMMANDERS

Lt Col George H. Cushman  
Lt Col Carl L. Killian, #1953  
Lt Col C. C. Malitz

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

## Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

#### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Jul 1954-Feb 1956

#### EMBLEM

#### MOTTO

#### OPERATIONS

On 16 November 1950 the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Aviation Field Depot Squadrons were formed. They immediately began training to move, check, repair, and test Special Weapons (Nuclear weapons). On 1 September 1951 the training was stopped on the 6th AFD. On that same date, 1 September 1951, a new unit called the 1st Tactical Support Squadron (1st TSS) was formed utilizing a lot of manpower from the late 6th AFDS. The training continued until 18 February 1952. The 1st Tactical Support Squadron was moved to Langley AFB in Virginia to complete more training.

The Airmen and Officers were trained and ready to go when they received Orders for Unit movement. On 14 April 1952, Special Order, #77 was issued by Headquarters, 47th Bombardment Wing, Light that sent the 1st TSS to RAF Sculthorpe, Norfolk, England. The Order was divided into three Sections. Two were to go by air and one by ship. A small advance group had to go first to get things ready for the oncoming troops. When the troops arrived at Hampton Roads POE, Newport Beach, Virginia they were to board USNS General W. G. Haan (T-AP-158). The trip across the Atlantic to England took several days. When they arrived at the English Port, Southampton, they were greeted by large banners reading HUSBANDS WANTED. One Officer told me that within four hours of arrival, Moscow Molly greeted them by radio. Then on to RAF Sculthorpe near Fakenham, Norfolk, England by train, bus and cars. When the squadron arrived at RAF Sculthorpe, there was one British Officer for Communications waiting the squadron's arrival to turn over the Base.

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