

400 MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Tactical Support Squadron constituted, 5 Nov 1952

Activated, 8 Jan 1953

Redesignated 3 Tactical Depot Squadron, 8 Jul 1954

Redesignated 7 Tactical Depot Squadron, 8 Dec 1954

Redesignated 400 Munitions Maintenance Squadron (Theater), 8 Apr 1963

Redesignated 400 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 1989

Inactivated, 1 Aug 1994

STATIONS

Sandia Base, NM, 8 Jan 1953-13 Mar 1954

Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan, 1 Apr 1954-1 Aug 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

1090 USAF Special Reporting Group, 8 Jan 1953

Twentieth Air Force, 1 Apr 1954

Far East Air Logistics Force, 25 Aug 1954

6401 Ammunition Supply Group (Depot), 1 Dec 1954

Fifth Air Force, 1 Oct 1955

Pacific Air Forces, 22 May 1964

313 Air Division, 15 Jan 1967

ATTACHMENTS

Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, 8 Jan 1953-10 Mar 1954
6332 Air Base Wing, 1 Apr-31 Jul 1954

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 8 Jan 1953-unkn
Lt Col Hugh A Dale, 1953
Lt Col Edgar L Kiser, 1955
Lt Col George G Ketchum, Jan 1958
Maj Orval D Collings, 31 Jan 1960
Lt Col Anthony H Richard Jr, 1 Jul 1960
Maj James H Bauer, 3 Jun 1964
Lt Col Edward G Abington, 24 Jun 1964
LTC James J Langinals, 1 Apr 1968
Maj Eric C Brown, 30 Oct 1968
Maj Jerry W Hoppe, 15 Aug 1969
Lt Col James R Mayward, 20 Oct 1969
Maj Virgil W Mosley, 5 Jul 1971
Lt Col Daniel G Apostalon, 2 Sep 1971
Capt Donald W Christensen, 22 Feb 1974
Capt Thomas C Marshall, 18 May 1974
Lt Col David I Hollenbaugh, 13 Jun 1974
Lt Col Elvin K Nading, 4 Dec 1975
Lt Col James G Sheppard, 14 Jun 1978
Maj Jules M Swickard, 15 Jul 1979
Lt Col James G Sheppard, 15 Aug 1979
Maj Jules M Swickard, 15 Apr 1980 (interim), 1 May 1980 (permanent)
Maj Ralph J Templin, 13 May 1981

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

AF Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jun 1960-1 Jan 1964
1 Jan 1965-31 Dec 1966
1 Jan 1968-30 Apr 1969
24 Nov 1971-23 Mar 1972

1 Apr-31 Dec 1972
1 Aug 1975-30 Apr 1977
1 Jun 1981-31 May 1983

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



The gauntleted hand grasping three lightning flashes represents the strength, security, and striking power of the squadron. The ultramarine blue (background) represents the primary theater of Air Force operations and the sky. The golden yellow (gauntlet) represents the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The white (lightning flashes) represents purity. (Approved, 12 Aug 1953)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Trained at Sandia Base under the Special Weapons Unit Training Group, then under Joint Task Groups, 1953-1954. Deployed in echelons to Kadena AB, echelons arriving there on 24 Feb, 18 Mar, and 1 Apr 1954. Interim facilities were completed by 10 May 1954. Became operational at Kadena in late Jun 1954. Operates and maintains a theater War Reserve Material munitions storage area for PACAF units, maintains an industrial complex to recover and remove munitions for reuse and to deactivate munitions for disposal or sale, and provides an Explosive Ordnance Disposal capability for the Okinawa area.

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Sources

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