## 498<sup>th</sup> MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE GROUP

## MISSION

**LINEAGE** 498<sup>th</sup> Munitions Maintenance Group

**STATIONS** Kirtland AFB, NM Whiteman AFB, MO

ASIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

**Campaign Streamers** 

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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**OPERATIONS** 

As part of the Air Force's organizational moves to bolster oversight of its nuclear weapons, the service formally relocated on Oct. 25 the 498th Munitions Maintenance Group, along with its new subordinate unit, the 19th Munitions Squadron, from Kirtland AFB, N.M., to Whiteman AFB. Mo. With the change, the 498th MUMG still retains command of the 898th Munitions Squadron and 708th Nuclear Sustainment Squadron at Kirtland. And the group remains subordinate to the 498th Nuclear Systems Wing at Kirtland, which reports directly to the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, also at the New Mexico base, where it oversees the sustainment of Air Force nuclear weapons and support equipment in the continental US.

Air Force officials will activate the 377th Maintenance Group during a ceremony Wednesday at Kirtland AFB, N.M. The new group will assume the roles and responsibilities of the 798th Munitions Maintenance Group at Minot AFB, N.D., and 498th MUMG at Whiteman AFB, Mo., both of which the Air Force inactivated on Dec. 1. This realignment is part of the Air Force's initiative to transfer the oversight of its munitions squadrons that support the service's nuclear mission from Air Force Materiel Command to Air Force Global Strike Command. "This is a significant milestone for the 377th that will continue to enhance the operations of the nuclear enterprise," said Col. Thomas Ventriglia, who will lead the group. Kirtland's 898th Munitions Squadron will realign under the 377th MXG. 2011

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