3 MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Aviation Field Depot Squadron constituted, 2 Nov 1950
Activated, 16 Nov 1950
Redesignated 3 Aviation Depot Squadron, 8 Nov 1954
Redesignated 3 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1960
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1972
Activated, 1 Dec 1973
Inactivated, 1 Jun 1977
Activated and redesignated 3 Munitions Squadron, 27 July 2011

STATIONS

Sandia Base, NM, 16 Nov 1950-2 May 1951 Andersen, AFB, Guam, 24 May 1951-30 Sep 1972 Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1973-16 Sep 1974 Clark AB, Philippines, 16 Sep 1974- Jun 1977 Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, 27 Jul 2011

ASSIGNMENTS

USAF Special Reporting Agency (later, 1090 USAF Special Reporting Wing), 16 Nov 1950 Fifteenth Air Force, 27 May 1951 3 Air Division, 16 Jul 1954 3960 Combat Support Group (later, 3960 Strategic Wing), 1 Apr 1961 3 Air Division, 1 Aug 1964

3960 Strategic Wing, 15 Apr 1965 43 Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1970-30 Sep 1972 3 Tactical Fighter Wing (later 3 Wing), 1 Dec 1973-1 Jun 1977, 27 Jul 2011

ATTACHMENTS

3960 Air Base Wing, 1 Apr-1 Oct 1955

3960 Air Base Wing [later, 3960 Air Base Group; 3960 Combat Support Group], 16 Jan 1956-1 Oct 1959

3960 Combat Support Group, 1 Apr 1960-1 Apr 1961

Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Wing, Provisional, 303, 15 Jun-30 Sep 1972

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device 2 Mar 1969-31 Mar 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 18 Jun 1965-1 Mar 1966 2 Mar 1966-1 Mar 1968 2 Mar 1968-1 Mar 1969 1 Dec-31 Dec 1973

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm 1 Apr 1966-30 Sep 1972

EMBLEM





3 Munitions Maintenance Squadron emblems

3 Munitions Squadron emblem: On a disc Argent, per fess enhanced to bend Azure and Celeste, between in chief three mullets, one and two of the first, and in base an olive branch to dexter Vert, fimbriated of the second, a lightning bolt of two points palewise Gules, fimbriation counterchanged of the second and of the third, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "COMPLIANT LETHAL READY" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "3D MUNITIONS SQUADRON" in Blue letters. 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 divided background of light and dark represents the unit's twenty-four hour operations. The stars depict the unit's numerical designation. The lightning bolt represents the lethal devices with which the Squadron works. The olive branch symbolizes peace, the ultimate goal. The motto, "COMPLIANT LETHAL READY," indicates the unit's willingness and preparedness to flawlessly execute the assigned mission. (Approved, 11 Mar 1959)

MOTTO

3 Munitions Maintenance Squadron--ALERT-READY 3 Munitions Squadron—COMPLIANT LETHAL READY

OPERATIONS

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