

4504 SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4504 Support Squadron

STATIONS

Orlando AFB, FL, 8 Jun 1958-19 Dec 1961

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On an AF blue area in the shape of a missile nose cone, edged A! golden yellow, a white cloud formation issuing from base, surmounted by the top of a globe, AF blue, grid lines white, also issuing from base; over all palewise a missile pointing upward supported on either side by a mailed hand, all silver-gray, all highlighted white, all emitting trails of flame to base, AF golden yellow and red; two golden yellow atoms in orbit, silver-gray and red, around the nose of the missile; outlines and details AF blue throughout. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The mailed hands supporting the missile indicate our unlimited strength in support of the missile program. The blue background represents the vastness of the sky above the clouds and the unlimited capabilities of the missile. The globe is a symbol of mobility and worldwide coverage. The atoms in orbit about the missile indicate TN atomic capabilities. The golden yellow border indicates bright hopes for lasting peace and, together with the ultramarine blue background, constitutes the official Air Force colors. Approved: 12 March 1959.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

6555GMS, Patrick Matador and Mace

The initial test unit for Matador at Holloman was followed by units at Patrick and Orlando, and some of these then moved to Germany to become operational units. The 1st Pilotless Bomber Squadron (PBS) became part of the 4800GMW at Patrick in late 1951. These were followed by the 69PBS in 1952, the 11PBS in 1954 and the 17PBS in 1955. A training organization, the 4504th Missile Training Wing (MTngW), was established at OrlandoAFB for Matador and then Mace training. Many AAFM members spent time in this unit before heading for Europe or the Pacific. The 4504MTngW had three squadrons, the 4504th Student Squadron (STURON), the 4504th Training Squadron (TS) (for Instructors and Education) ; and the 4504th Support Squadron (SS).

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