

## 315<sup>th</sup> WEAPONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

4315<sup>th</sup> Student Squadron established, 1 May 1958

Redesignated 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, 14 May 1963

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1993

315<sup>th</sup> Weapons Squadron Constituted and activated, 2 Mar 2012

4315<sup>th</sup> Combat Crew Training Squadron, and 315<sup>th</sup> Weapons squadron consolidated with 4315th

Combat Crew Training Squadron, 2 Mar 2012. Consolidated unit designated 315<sup>th</sup> Weapons Squadron.

### STATIONS

Cooke (later Vandenberg) AFB, CA, 1 May 1958-1 Jul 1993

Nellis AFB, NV, 2 Mar 2012-Present

### ASSIGNMENTS

392<sup>nd</sup> Air Base Group, 1 May 1958

704<sup>th</sup> Strategic Missile Wing, 1 November 1958

1<sup>st</sup> Missile Division, 1 July 1959

392<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Missile Wing, 1 October 1961

1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Aerospace Division, 20 December 1961

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 April 1970

1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Aerospace Division, 4 January 1975-1 July 1993

USAF Weapons School, 2 March 2012-Present

## COMMANDERS

LTC Jason Seyer

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM



4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron (Missile) emblem

315<sup>th</sup> Weapons Squadron emblem: On a disc Celeste, in base a demi-globe Azure, gridlined Argent, in fess a key ward down to dexter Or, overall a missile launching palewise of the third, flame Gules and of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "315TH WEAPONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 operational readiness training of missile combat crews is depicted by the golden key which represents knowledge. The missile in flight

signifies the ultimate aim of missile combat crew training. The globe represents the worldwide mission of the unit.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Established as the first USAF ICBM training Squadron at Vandenberg AFB California in May 1958. As the 4315th Student Squadron, and later 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, the unit was responsible for implementing the SAC Missile Combat Crew Training Program. All USAF ICBM crew personnel (Atlas, Titan I, Titan II, Minuteman I,II, II) up to the inactivation of the 4315th in July 1993 were trained at one time or another by this unit.

Re-established as the 315th Weapons Squadron as part of the USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nevada in 2012. Provides the ICBM Weapons Instructor Course.

The initial training of Minuteman missile combat crews, formerly performed by Air Training Command (ATC) instructors at Vandenberg AFB, California, was incorporated into the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron's Operational Readiness Training (ORT) program at Vandenberg. As a result of this action, the entire Minuteman missile combat training, from beginning (initial training) to end (upgrade training) became the responsibility of SAC.

1 Jul 1974

The final class of enlisted Titan II students graduated from the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron training course at Vandenberg AFB, California. 1 DEC 1983

The First Strategic Aerospace Division, known as "One Strad," became the unit having overall responsibility for base operations. Training of potential SAC crews became a component of One Strad's mission. Since 1963, the unit having specific responsibility for missile crew training has been the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron. To support the 4315th, Missile Procedures Trainers were built.

By 1986, the 4315th had taught the basics of missile procedures and operations to over 19,000 SAC missileers.

Another Year of Training initiative implemented on 1 July 1993 was to combine space and missile training. Previously the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, an ACC unit, had provided missile training at Vandenberg AFB, California, and ATC's 319th Space Training Squadron had conducted undergraduate space training at Lowry AFB, Colorado. Both of those units inactivated, and AETC activated the 392d Space and Missile Training Squadron at Vandenberg, assigning it to the 17<sup>th</sup> Training Wing to perform both missions.

15 May 1963 - 4315th Student Squadron redesignated as the Combat Crew Training Squadron, absorbing the training functions previously under the 576 SMS (Atlas), 394 MTS (Minuteman) and 395 MTS (Titan).

1 July 1993 - 4315 CCTS missile training activities incorporated into the new 392 Space and Missile Training Squadron under the new Air Education and Training Command

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Sources

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