

## 321 MISSILE SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

321 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 15 Apr 1942  
Redesignated 321 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 6 Mar 1944  
Inactivated, 27 Jan 1946  
Redesignated 321 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 11 Jun 1947  
Activated, 1 Jul 1947  
Inactivated, 6 Sep 1948  
Redesignated 321 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 20 Dec 1950  
Activated, 2 Jan 1951  
Redesignated 321 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, 16 Jun 1952  
Discontinued, 20 Jun 1960  
Redesignated 321 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman), 16 Sep 1963  
Organized, 9 Apr 1964  
Redesignated 321 Missile Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

#### STATIONS

Key Field, MS, 15 Apr 1942  
Barksdale Field, LA, 17 May 1942  
Greenville AAB, SC, 21 Jun 1942  
Ypsilanti, MI, 9–23 Aug 1942  
Wheeler Field, TH, 12 Sep 1942  
Iron Range, Australia, c. 4 Nov 1942

Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 Feb 1943  
Dobodura, New Guinea, Dec 1943  
Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944  
Biak, 12 Aug 1944  
San Jose, Mindoro, 26 Jan 1945  
Ie Shima, 15 Aug 1945  
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945–27 Jan 1946  
Andrews Field (later, AFB), MD, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948  
Fairchild AFB, WA, 2 Jan 1951  
Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Mar 1951–20 Jun 1960  
Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 9 Apr 1964

### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Eielson AFB, AK, 17 May 1955-31 Aug 1955

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

90<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942–27 Jan 1946  
90<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948  
90<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 2 Jan 1951  
90<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952–20 Jun 1960  
Strategic Air Command, 16 Sep 1963  
90<sup>th</sup> Strategic Missile Wing, 9 Apr 1964  
90<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

### **ATTACHMENTS**

90<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Feb 1951–15 Jun 1952

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1942–1945  
B/RB-29, 1951–1954  
B-29A  
RB-47, 1954–1960  
Minuteman I, 1964–1974  
Minuteman III, 1974

### **COMMANDERS**

Capt Delbert H. Hahn, May 1942  
Capt Roy L. Taylor, 10 Jul 1942  
Maj Cecil L. Faulkner, 16 Sep 1942  
Maj Paul C. Kendall, 27 Mar 1943  
Capt Paul E. Johnson Jr., 28 Jul 1943  
Maj Jack H. Pelander, Aug 1943  
Maj Allen G. Hart, Dec 1943  
Capt Charles F. Quinette, May 1944

Maj Stanley P. Robeck, Jun 1944  
Maj Augustus J. Rahm, Mar 1945  
Capt Edward M. Collins, Aug 1945  
1Lt Sam H. Sharp, Sep 1945-unkn  
Unkn, unkn-27 Jan 1946  
None (not manned), 1 Jul 1947-6 Sep 1948  
Maj H. A. Mitchell, 1951  
Lt Col John R. Knight, 13 Apr 1951  
Maj John S. McIntosh Jr., May 1951  
Maj Frank M. Wyman Jr., 3 Oct 1951  
Lt Col John R. Knight, 24 Jan 1952  
Lt Col Frank M. Wyman Jr., 1 Jul 1952  
Lt Col Howard W. Slaton, 16 Aug 1952  
Maj Franklin F. Young, 1 Apr 1953  
Lt Col Fred A. Shirley, Aug 1953  
Lt Col Lee R. Williams Jr., 1 Jul 1954  
Lt Col Ralph A. Jensen, 20 Feb 1955  
Maj Milburn D. Jackson, Jan 1956  
Maj Harold C. Medvedeff, Jul 1956  
Lt Col Denning M. Perdew, Jun 1957  
Maj Melbern R. Jones, Nov 1958-1960  
Col Leonard P. Bull, 8 Apr 1964  
Lt Col H. P. Collins, Apr 1965  
Col Milton M. McConnell Jr., Nov 1965  
Lt Col Truman F. Hume, 18 Aug 1966  
Col William R. Griner Jr., 13 Nov 1967  
Lt Col Robert E. Kaempfer, 21 Jul 1969  
Lt Col Ralph E. Spraker, 1 Feb 1971  
Lt Col Judson C. Faurer, 18 Aug 1972  
Lt Col Modesto Ortiz R. Ortiz-Benitez, 15 Feb 1973  
Lt Col James L. Morris, 19 Dec 1974  
Lt Col Gardner L. Robinson, 1 Sep 1975  
Lt Col James D. Hogan, 1 Aug 1976  
Lt Col Philip E. Moore, 2 Jul 1978  
Lt Col William R. Newell, 21 Jun 1979  
Lt Col Dale G. Jones, 24 Oct 1980  
Lt Col David A. Sidwell, 27 Sep 1982  
Lt Col Bruce D. Twine, 3 Dec 1982  
Lt Col Bill L. Armstrong, 4 Sep 1984  
Lt Col John L. Sipos, 5 Jun 1986  
Lt Col Robert A. Peterson, 1 Sep 1987  
Lt Col Martin Brandt, 3 Aug 1989  
Lt Col Mark Rogers, 6 May 1991  
Lt Col Douglas P. Cook, 14 Jul 1992

Lt Col Donald K. Minner, 13 Jul 1994  
Lt Col Michael J. Percella, 1 Jul 1996  
Lt Col Michael J. Carey, 23 Jun 1998  
Lt Col Edward Fienga, 21 Jul 2000  
Lt Col Timothy A. Adam, 30 Aug 2002  
Lt Col Michael V. Smith, 3 Sep 2003  
Lt Col Christopher A. Coffelt, 7 Jul 2005  
Lt Col LeAnne C. Moore, 22 Jun 2007  
Lt Col Mark A. Schuler, 28 May 2009

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Air Offensive, Japan  
China Defensive  
Papua  
Guadalcanal  
New Guinea  
Northern Solomons  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Western Pacific  
Leyte  
Luzon  
Southern Philippines  
China Offensive

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Papua, [22 Nov] 1942–23 Jan 1943  
New Guinea, 13 and 15 Sep 1943

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1968–30 Jun 1969  
1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1975  
1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1979  
1 Jul 1982–30 Jun 1984  
1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989  
1 Aug 1991–31 Jul 1993  
1 Oct 1994–30 Sep 19

1 Sep 1996-31 Aug 1998  
1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2001  
1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005  
1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007  
1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

#### EMBLEM



321 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron emblem approved, 10 Jun 1954



321 Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Minuteman) emblem: On a Gold disc issuing from chief a Blue inverted chevron framed by two lightning bolts divided White and Red and bearing six Gold stars three-two-one, all flanked by two Blue stars. In base a Light Blue sphere parted per pale of four White bars wavy and White grid lines and rimmed Blue. Arched from base of

sphere on each side a White vapor trail each terminating behind a Blue missile ascending within a palm branch arched in dexter and an olive branch arched in sinister, both Green. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The gold and blue background alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and signifies day and night 24-hour vigilance. The missiles represent constant preparedness and the lightning the strength and striking power of the unit. The sphere refers to the world and the bars wavy symbolize the Pacific Ocean to mark the squadron's theater of operations in World War II. The stars indicate the unit's World War II Campaign Participation Credits with the blue stars denoting its DUCs, and the gold stars placed three-two-one its numerical designation. The palm and olive branches commemorate this meritorious service defending world peace. (Approved, 4 Nov 1965)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 22 Nov 1942–24 Jul 1945.

Not manned, 1 Jul 1947–6 Sep 1948.

Operational training, 1 Jun 1951–Sep 1952; replacement training, 1 Jun 1951–1 Sep 1953; SHORAN training, 10 Nov 1952–30 Nov 1953; RB-47 crew training, 1 Jan 1959–20 Jun 1960.

Strategic missile operations, 1964.

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