

351 FIELD MISSILE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

The 351 FMMS is the most diverse squadron in maintenance and has both an "in the shop" and an "in the field" mission. The five branches in the 351 FMMS do everything from calibrating equipment to storing reentry vehicles and conventional munitions. The squadron is the largest in maintenance and presently has more than 200 people assigned.

LINEAGE

351 Field Missile Maintenance Squadron

Constituted, 20 Aug 1975

Activated, 30 Sep 1975

STATIONS

Whiteman AFB, MO, 30 Sep 1975

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Wayne Bithell, 1 Oct 1975

Maj Thomas C. Goetzinger (Acting), 27 Jun 1977

Lt Col Henry V. Chace, 6 Jul 1977

Lt Col James D. Rudy, 15 Feb 1980

Lt Col Robert E. Reed, 31 Oct 1980

Lt Col William C. McKee, 30 Jun 1982

Lt Col Dennis J. McMahan, 29 May 1984

Lt Col Barry W. Christen, 30 May 1986

Lt Col Nedom Ramsey, Jr., 6 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

351 Field Missile Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a yellow disc edged with a narrow yellow border, a blue gear on which are two red arrows and a green arced olive branch in saltire surmounted by a stylized gray missile in vertical ascent, between a yellow five-pointed star in dexter and a medium blue sphere with yellow land masses in sinister. Attached below the disc a blank yellow scroll. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The ultramarine background represents the sky, in which the system operates. The missile symbolizes that the [unit] maintains a missile system. The star and earth represent the night and day operation, an around-the-clock readiness to perform. The olive branch symbolizes our history of nonaggression and peace, and the arrows signify the armed forces ability to protect our peace and freedom and to wage war if necessary. The motto signifies the system's readiness to perform at a moment's notice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Approved, 21 July 1977)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The squadron was housed for over 20 years in a temporary building, S-41. The "pink elephant," as it was affectionately nicknamed, served us long and well and was recently replaced on Sept. 13, 1987 by the newest missile maintenance complex in the command. The new complex has more than 80,000 square feet, cost Lt Col 8 million, and should be the home of the 351 FMMS well into the 21st century.

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Sources

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