

571st STRATEGIC MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

571st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 15 Jan 1943

Activated, 26 Jan 1943

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

Redesignated 571st Strategic Missile Squadron and activated, 28 Nov 1961

Organized, 1 May 1962

Inactivated, 2 Dec 1983

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 26 Jan 1943

Great Falls AAB, MT, 6 Jun-4 Jul 1943

Framlingham, England, 26 Jul 1943-6 Aug 1945

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 14-28 Aug 1945

Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 May 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

390th Bombardment Group, 26 Jan 1943-28 Aug 1945

Strategic Air Command, 28 Nov 1961

390th Strategic Missile Wing, 1 May 1962

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

B-17G

LGM-25C Titan II, 1962-1984

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 17 Aug 1943

Germany, 14 Oct 1943

EMBLEM



571st Bombardment Squadron, Heavy emblem



571st Strategic Missile Squadron emblem: On a blue and red disc divided per fess by a gold dancette barrulet within a narrow gold border a white missile ascending in pale throughout between in chief eight white stars, two, four and two surmounted fess wise in base by a blue arrow fimbriated gold. Below a white scroll edged blue. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The blue field depicts the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, with the eight stars representing the two DUCs and the six campaign credits awarded the unit in World War II. The arrow refers to early air weapons and the missile to recent air weapons with the red field signifying their propulsion forces. The gold bar alludes to lightning and indicates the mighty power of our weapons system. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue and the national colors, red, white and blue.

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 12 Aug 1943-20 Apr 1945. Prepared for operations with Titan missiles, 1962.

The 571st Strategic Missile Squadron was declared combat ready. 31 Dec 1963

Air Force Order of Battle

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