

2 SPACE LAUNCH SQUADRON



MISSION

2 Space Launch Squadron executes real-time command and control of the Western Range in support of spacelift operations, ballistic missile test and evaluation, and aeronautical test and evaluation. Squadron also launched boosters to place meteorological and surveillance satellites into polar earth orbit, 1990-1995.

LINEAGE

2 Space Launch Squadron constituted, 11 Sep 1990

Activated, 1 Oct 1990

Inactivated, 31 Oct 2005

Activated, 15 Aug 2019

Changed status from a unit of United States Air Force armed force to a unit of United States Space Force armed force, 7 May 2021

STATIONS

Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1990-31 Oct 2005

Vandenberg AFB (later, SFB), CA, 15 Aug 2019

ASSIGNMENTS

Western Space and Missile Center, 1 Oct 1990

30 Operations Group, 19 Nov 1991

30 Launch Group, 1 Dec 2003-31 Oct 2005

30 Operations Group, 15 Aug 2019

30 Space Wing (later, Space Launch Delta 30), 7 May 2021

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Atlas E, 1990-1995

Titan II, 1999, 2002-2003

Titan IV, 1999-2001

Atlas II, 2003

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Heinz L. Butner, 1 Oct 1990

Lt Col Allen R. Hudson, 1 Aug 1991

Lt Col Richard P. Davenport, 9 Dec 1991

Maj Don R. Mcelreath, 21 Jul 1993

Lt Col James Puhek, 24 Sep 1993

Lt Col Edwin A. Zehner, 14 Jul 1995

Lt Col Richard E. Hornbeak, 18 Jun 1996

Lt Col Richard M. Patenaude, 18 May 1998

Lt Col James L. Hyatt Iii, 10 Jun 1999

Lt Col Clinton E. Crosier, 9 Jul 2001

Lt Col David T. Thompson, 1 Jul 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Oct 1990]-31 Aug 1991

1 Nov 1991-30 Sep 1993

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1996

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Jan-31 Dec 1997

1 Jan 1998-30 Sep 1999

1 Jan-31 Dec 2000

1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2002

EMBLEM



2 Space Launch Squadron emblem approved, 15 Jan 1991

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OPERATIONS

In 1995, the squadron launched the final Atlas missile in the Air Force inventory. In 1999, it began launching Titan boosters.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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