

2nd SPACE LAUNCH SQUADRON



LINEAGE

2nd Space Launch Squadron constituted, 11 Sep 1990
Activated, 1 Oct 1990

STATIONS

Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1990

ASSIGNMENTS

Western Space and Missile Center, 1 Oct 1990
30th Operations Group, 19 Nov 1991
30th Launch Group, 1 Dec 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Atlas E, 1990-1995
Titan II, 1999, 2002-2003
Titan IV, 1999-2001
Atlas II, 2003

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

LTC Heinz L. Butner, 1 Oct 1990
LTC Allen R. Hudson, 1 Aug 1991
LTC Richard P. Davenport, 9 Dec 1991
Maj Don R. McElreath, 21 Jul 1993
LTC James Puhek, 24 Sep 1993
LTC Edwin A. Zehner, 14 Jul 1995

LTC Richard E. Hornbeak, 18 Jun 1996
LTC Richard M. Patenaude, 18 May 1998
LTC James L. Hyatt III, 10 Jun 1999
LTC Clinton E. Crosier, 9 Jul 2001
LTC David T. Thompson, 1 Jul 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

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

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Approved, 15 Jan 1991

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OPERATIONS

2nd 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.

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



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