

48 MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Aviation Depot Squadron constituted, 18 Aug 1959
Activated, 1 Dec 1959
Redesignated 48 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1960
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Sep 1964
Activated, 8 Oct 1972
Inactivated, 31 Aug 1981
Redesignated 48 Munitions Squadron, 17 Dec 2002
Activated, 24 Jan 2003

STATIONS

Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, 1 Dec 1959–1 Sep 1964
RAF Lakenheath, 8 Oct 1972–31 Aug 1981; 24 Jan 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

815 Combat Support Group (operational control by 90 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 28 Apr–20 Jun 1960, and 40 Bombardment Wing, 20-30 Jun 1960), 1 Dec 1959
40 Bombardment Wing, Medium (later, 40 Strategic Aerospace Wing), 1 Jul 1960–1 Sep 1964
48 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Oct 1972–31 Aug 1981
48 Maintenance Group, 24 Jan 2003

COMMANDERS

Capt Dorsey C. Loux, Dec 1959
Lt Col John A. Schlupp, Jan 1960
Maj Howard C. Davies, 19 Jun 1961
Lt Col Wesley R. Rhodehamel, 3 Apr 1962
Lt Col Basil C. Opalenik, Nov 1963 – 1964
Lt Col Francis R. Perry, 8 Oct 1972
Maj Robert H. Myers, 31 Aug 1973
Maj Neil W. White, 15 Jan 1977
Maj Henry J. Zabinski, 25 Jun 1979
Capt Francis L. Graham, 15 May 1981
Maj Gary A. Chabot, 10 Jul – 31 Aug 1981
Lt Col Marcus F. Novak, 31 Jan 2003
Lt Col Stephen D. Petters, 31 Jul 2003
Lt Col John C. Mateer, IV, 23 Jun 2005
Maj Brian Tolson, 14 May 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
14 Oct 1976 – 31 Dec 1977
1 Apr 1978 – 31 Mar 1980
1 Oct 2002 – 30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004 – 31 Oct 2005
1 Nov 2005 – 31 Dec 2006
1 Jan-31 Dec 2007
1 Jan-31 Dec 2008

EMBLEM



48 Munitions Maintenance Squadron emblems



48 Munitions Squadron emblem: On a disc Sable, a pile bevelled throughout Azure, edged as lightning bolts Or, thereon an aerial bomb palewise nose to base Argent, arced in chief three mullets of the field fimbriated Silver Gray, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "NOS PERTIMESCANT" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "48 MUNITIONS SQ" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The three black stars represent the three Air Force Specialties forming the composition of the Squadron. The lightning bolts stand for honor of the dual capabilities that the unit supports. All elements encompass the true spirit of the unit's motto which, in English, translates to "Let Them Fear Us." (Approved, 15 Aug 2003)

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NOS PERTIMESCANT--Let Them Fear Us

OPERATIONS

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