

4047 STRATEGIC WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

4047 Strategic Wing
Designated and activated, 1 Jul 1961
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1963

STATIONS

McCoy AFB, Florida

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-52, 1961-1963
KC-135

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Francis S. Holmes, Jr., 1 Jul 1961
Col William F. Kahley, 1 Sep 1961
Col William G. Walker, 15 Sep 1961

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

Protectors of Peace

OPERATIONS

Inactivated in 1963 when aircraft and personnel resources passed to the 306 BW at the same base.



4047 Strategic Wing headquarters

On 1 July 1961 the 4047th Strategic Wing (Heavy) was designated and organized. Its first commander was Lt. Col. Francis S. Holmes, Jr. In August 1961 the first B-52's were assigned to

the new wing, and on 1 September 1961 the 347th Bomb Squadron was reassigned from Westover AFB to McCoy AFB to fly the heavy bombers. On 15 September the 321st Combat Support Group was discontinued and the 4047th Combat Support Group was organized. Also, on that same date. Colonel William G. Walker, Jr. assumed command of the 4047th Strategic Wing.

The 321st Bomb Wing was discontinued on 25 October 1961, ending almost eight years of active service as one of SAC's deterrent forces. Lieutenant Colonel Harry F. Baker was commander of the 321st when it was inactivated.

The newest addition to the SAC family at McCoy AFB is the 306th Air Refueling Squadron which will be transferred to this base from the 306th Bomb Wing. MacDill AFB, Florida in the summer of 1962. Its huge KC-135 flying "service stations" are capable of transferring thousands of pounds of fuel to a bomber in a short period of time, enabling SAC's strike aircraft to remain airborne for indefinite periods of time.



4047 Strategic Wing aircraft in front of McCoy AFB control tower.



Col William G. Walker, Jr.

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