

6555 GUIDED MISSILE GROUP

MISSION

Matador testing

LINEAGE

HQ and HQS, 4800 Guided Missile Wing organized, 30 Dec 1950

Redesignated HQ 6555 Guided Missile Wing, 14 May 1951

Redesignated HQ 6555 Guided Missile Group, 1 Mar 1953

Discontinued, 7 Sep 1954

STATIONS

Patrick AFB, FL, 30 Dec 1950-7 Sep 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

Long Range Proving Ground Division, 30 Dec 1950

Air Force Missile Test Center, 30 Jun 1951-7 Sep 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

14 May 51, The 4800th Guided Missile Wing replaced by 6555th Guided Missile Wing.

The Air Force Missile Test Center's sixth wing was the 6555th Guided Missile Wing. The

6555th supervised missile launch contractor operations at the Cape, and the unit's two guided missile squadrons (the 6555th and 6556th) participated in MATADOR and LARK test launches. As launches of those winged missiles continued, the Wing gained two new units the 1st and 69th Pilotless Bomber Squadrons in October 1951 and January 1952. Thereafter, the 6555th focused most of its efforts on assembling, testing and launching MATADORs so the 1st and 69th Pilotless Bomber Squadrons would be prepared for MATADOR operations in Europe. The 6555th Guided Missile Wing became the 6555th Guided Missile Group on 1 March 1953, and the 1st and 69th Pilotless Bomber Squadrons were reassigned to Tactical Air Command (TAC) on 15 January 1954.

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