

7382 TACTICAL MISSILE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

7382 Guided Missile Group (Tactical)

7382 Guided Missile Group (Light)

Activated, Feb 1956

Redesignated 7382 Tactical Missile Group, 14 Mar 1956

Inactivated, 15 Sep 1956

STATIONS

Hahn AB, West Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

A shield quartered: first and fourth quarters, or, on a bend azure an arrow of the first in bend; second quarter, azure, a griffin segreant or, langued gules; third quarter, azure, a torch in pale, flamed, between two branches of olive or; on an escutcheon or pretence gules, an astral crown or. SIGNIFICANCE: The golden arrow signifies guided flight. The golden griffin, half eagle and half lion, symbolizes a warlike character with the cunning and intelligence of the eagle in flight and

the courage and valor of the lion in battle. The torch and olive wreath represent the peacetime pursuit of knowledge and progress. The small shield and crown signify the authority of command. The astral crown denotes command in the air and obedience to guidance. The blue and yellow colors stand for the Air Force, and the red stands for the courage and strength with which the wing carries out its mission. (Approved, 16 Nov 1956)

MOTTO

VALOR WITH PROGRESS

OPERATIONS

The 1st Tactical Missile Squadron was detached from the 36th FDW, no change of station, and assigned to the newly formed 7382nd Pilotless Bomber Group headquartered at Hahn Air Base, on February 1, 1956. The 7382nd was later renamed to the 7382nd Guided Missile Group, and later still renamed 7382nd Tactical Missile Group.

The 7382nd Tactical Missile Group was inactivated on 15 Sept 1956, and the 1st Tactical Missile Squadron was reassigned to the newly formed 585th Tactical Missile Group, Bitburg Air Base, as part of the newly formed 701st Tactical Missile Wing, headquartered at Hahn AB. The unit converted from the TM-61A to the TM-61C during that time.

A new organization was needed to coalesce missile operations and an interim missile group was formed almost a year later to blanket both the Hahn and Bitburg Matador missile squadrons. The 7382 Guided Missile Group, (Tactical), was formed at Hahn on February 1, 1956, to serve both missile squadrons as a headquarters unit. The Group's first Commander, Lt. Col. Robert F. Zachmann, had previously been the Commander of the 69th PBS at Hahn. In July, the 7382nd GMG was renamed as a Tactical Missile Group, and gained its third missile squadron. The new squadron was to be stationed at Sembach.

One year earlier, on June 8, 1955, while still assigned to the Ninth Air Force, Tactical Air Command at Orlando Air Force Base, the 11th Pilotless Bomber Squadron was the first unit to be renamed to a Tactical Missile Squadron. The 7382nd Guided Missile Group (Tactical) at Hahn was renamed to the 7382nd Tactical Missile Group on March 14, 1956, the same day its 1st and 69th Pilotless Bomber Squadrons were renamed to Tactical Missile Squadrons.

The 7382nd Tactical Missile Group had shown the necessity of a full Air Force wing to deploy, maintain, and support three tactical missile units, and the short-lived 7382nd, known in its short, eight month life by three different names, gave way on September 15, 1956, to the first operational U.S. Air Force missile wing.

Activated in Feb 1956 as a Guided Missile Group (Light), the Group was commonly referred to as a Pilotless Bomber Group in air base newspapers of the era. The 7382nd Group name has caused confusion among historians as it is referred to in some official AFHRA records as a Guided Missile Group as late as July 1, 1956. The 7382nd Tactical Missile Group was inactivated in Sep 1956 after only eight months of duty.

7382d Guided Missile Group (Tactical) was organized at Hahn AB, Germany. Discontinued 15 September, using personnel and equipment from the group to form the newly activated 701st Tactical Missile Wing. 1956

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