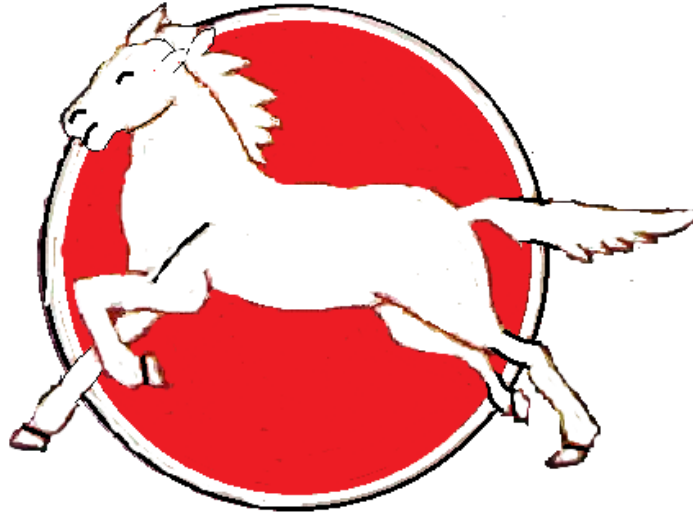


87 TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

8 Reconnaissance Squadron (Light) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Redesignated 87 Bombardment Squadron (Light), 14 Aug 1941

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

887 Tactical Missile Squadron constituted, 10 Sep 1962

Organized, 25 Sep 1962

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Sep 1966

87 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 19 Sep 1985

87 Bombardment Squadron, Light and 887th Tactical Missile Squadron consolidated
redesignated 87 Tactical Missile Squadron, 19 Sep 1985

Activated, 12 Dec 1986

Inactivated, 31 Jan 1989

STATIONS

Hunter Field, Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941

Bowman Field, KY, 22 May 1941

Barksdale Field, LA, 2 Feb 1942

Galveston Municipal Airport, TX, 1 Apr 1942

Blythe Army Air Base, CA, 22 May 1942

Will Rogers Field, OK, 11 Nov 1942

Drew Field, FL, 6 Oct 1943
Morris Field, NC, 5 Nov 1943-1 May 1944
Sembach AB, Germany, 25 Sep 1962-25 Sep 1966
RAF Molesworth, England, 12 Dec 1986 - 31 Jan 1989

ASSIGNMENTS

46 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944
United States Air Forces Europe: 10 September 1962
38 Tactical Missile Wing, 25 September 1962 - 25 September 1966
303 Tactical Missile Wing, 12 December 1986 - 31 January 1989

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, 1941-1944
B-25, 1944
DB-7B
Martin TM-76A (later CGM-13A) Mace
BGM-109G, 1986-1989

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



Over and through a disc red, bordure white, a charging thoroughbred horse of white, with head held high, mane and tail flowing, left foreleg raised in pawing position. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The 87th Bombardment Squadron originated in Kentucky, home of fine thoroughbred horses. The charging thoroughbred is symbolic of the ideals and mission of the squadron in that it is noted for its fine performance, stamina, fighting heart, and faithfulness. The head held high and foreleg in striking position signify the lofty ideals and striking power of the unit. The flowing mane tail are so separated as to form eight points and seven points respectively, portraying graphically the squadron designation, "87." (Approved, 26 Aug 1942)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Apr-May 1942. Operational training unit, Jan-Oct 1943; replacement training unit, Oct 1943-Apr 1944.

The two newly created launch squadrons at Sembach, the 823rd TMS and the 887th TMS, joined the existing 822nd TMS, which allowed one squadron per launch site instead of the 822nd trying to supply crews to all three launch sites. The original 822nd was assigned to Combat Flight A, Site 1, at Mehlingen; the newly activated 823rd took on Combat Flight B, Site II, at Enkenbach; and the newly activated 887th assumed control at Griinstadt, Combat Flight C, later known as Site III.

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