

USAF AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS CENTER



MISSION

Air Defense Weapons Center manages the Weapons System Evaluation Program; performs aircrew conversion and weapons controller training; and develops, validates, and tests air defense concepts, tactics, and procedures under TAC management. The center, as the focal point for US Air Force air defense expertise, operates the 325th Tactical Training Wing.

LINEAGE

Air Defense Weapons Center established, activated, and organized, 31 Oct 1967
Redesignated United States Air Force Air Defense Weapons Center, on 1 March 1981
Inactivated on 12 September 1991

STATIONS

Tyndall AFB, FL, 31 Oct 1967 – 12 Sep 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Defense Command (later Aerospace Defense Command), 31 Oct 1967
Air Defense, Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1979
First Air Force, 6 Dec 1985 – 12 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen James L. Price, #1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Air Defense Weapons Center: Per bend celeste and sable spattered with mullets argent, overall a delta winged sword bendwise of the like emitting a vapor trail gules bearing two directional arrows point to point and debruising a base nebuly of the last, the sword between two lightning flashes chevronwise in bend or garnished gules, the flash in dexter flank surmounting the base nebuly, all within a diminished bordure or. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem symbolizes the capability of the Air Defense Weapons Center. The delta-winged sword represents the weapons of air defense employed in fulfilling the primary mission and, like the magical sword of King Arthur, indicates tremendous power, that of modern day air defense weapons, while the two lightning bolts signify the swiftness of the striking force of the command. The blue symbolizes familiar aerospace in which today's weapons are employed while the black with cluster of stars is the unknown outer space in which future weapons tested and perfected at the Weapons Center will be deployed. The uneven line of white signifies a command fortified with [the] bulwark of freedom as were the castles of old designed for maximum defense. United in the single AF shield, the three joining colors symbolize [the] power of all Weapons Center units blended together as a team, working together in accomplishments, adding greater power to the fighting force of the USAF. (Approved, 11 Apr 1968)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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