

EASTERN SPACE AND MISSILE CENTER



Eastern Space and Missile Center. Advance Headquarters of Joint Long Range Proving Ground established 1 October 1949; redesignated Long Range Proving Division, 16 May 1950; Air Force Missile Test Center, 30 June 1951; Air Force Eastern Test Range, 15 May 1964; East Space and Missile Center, 1 October 1979.

LINEAGE

Eastern Space & Missile Center was organized and activated, 1 Oct 1979

STATIONS

Patrick AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

SYSTEMS COMMAND, AF

SPACE COMMAND, AF

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 6550th Support Wing (Range) was designated and organized on 1 April 1962 to replace the Air Base Group as the administrative and logistical support unit for AFMTC. It was discontinued 1 March 1964. The 6550th Air Base Group was separated from the Air Force Eastern Test Range (AFETR) when the latter was inactivated on 1 February 1977. The 6550th subsequently operated as the 6550th Air Base Wing and served as Patrick's host unit until the Eastern Space & Missile Center was organized and activated on 1 October 1979.

The Eastern Space & Missile Center (minus the 6555th Aerospace Test Group) was transferred from Air Force Systems Command to Air Force Space Command. Some of the 6555th's resources became the 1st Space Launch Squadron under the Center, but most assets were placed in Combined Test Forces serving both major commands. "6550th" designated units became "1040th" units. 1 Oct 1990

The Eastern Space & Missile Center was inactivated, but its lineage and honors were transferred to the 45th Space Wing which was activated on the same date. Under the 45th Space Wing, the 1040th Space Support Group (formerly the 6550th Air Base Group) was redesignated the 45th

Support Group. The 1040th Civil Engineering and Security Police Squadrons were redesignated the 45th Civil Engineering and Security Police Squadrons. Old 45th Bombardment Group squadrons were restored and redesignated for: 1) contracting, 2) operations support, 3) spacecraft operations, 4) logistics support, 5) maintenance, 6) transportation and 7) mission support. The old Headquarters, 45th Bombardment Group was redesignated the 45th Operations Group. The old Headquarters of the 45th Air Service Group was redesignated the 45th Logistics Group. 12 Nov 1991

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Sources
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