

LONG RANGE PROVING GROUND DIVISION

LINEAGE

Air Force Division, Joint Long Range Proving Ground established, 1 Oct 1949
Redesignated Long Range Proving Ground Division, 16 May 1950
Redesignated Air Force Missile Test Center, 30 Jun 1951
Redesignated Air Force Eastern Test Range, 15 May 1964
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1977
Redesignated Eastern Space and Missile Center, and activated, 1 Oct 1979

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

Headquarters Command, USAF
USAF, 16 May 1950
Air Research and Development Command, 14 May 1951
Space and Missile Organization, Air Force Systems Command, 1 Oct 1979

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Established as Air Force Division, Joint Long Range Proving Ground, on 1 October 1949, and assigned to Headquarters Command, USAF

Reassigned directly to USAF, and redesignated Long Range Proving Ground Division, on 16 May 1950, gaining SOA status

Reassigned to Air Research and Development Command on 14 May 1951, losing SOA status

Redesignated Air Force Missile Test Center on 30 June 1951 and Air Force Eastern Test Range on 15 May 1964

Inactivated on 1 February 1977

Redesignated Eastern Space and Missile Center, and activated on 1 October 1979, assigned to the Space and Missile Organization, Air Force Systems Command

On 16 March 1951, the Long Range Proving Ground Division received official approval for the use of its emblem (shown opposite). A shield of azure blue was emblazoned with a long-range guided missile of argent silver, spouting a flaming tail of red and yellow hue. The blue represented the stratosphere and the guided missile, traveling with great speed and accuracy, denoted the mission of the Long Range Proving Ground Division.

On 30 June 1951, the Division was redesignated the Air Force Missile Test Center. No official action was taken with respect to changing or redesigning the emblem, but several unofficial variations of the original emblem continued in use until a new emblem was approved for the Air Force Eastern Test Range on 19 July 1967

Symbolizing the changes that had occurred on the Eastern Range over the previous 17 years, the new Air Force Eastern Test Range emblem was a shield bordered in gold and divided into ultramarine blue and gold quadrants. Blue was used to symbolize the sky and space, and gold was used to symbolize the excellence required to conduct successful range operations

Air Force Order of Battle

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