

31 MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

Located on an Army installation, the squadron is assigned under the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and has more than 140 active-duty personnel. There are 13 AFSCs, 14 sections, and four flights: commander's Support Section, Materiel, Systems and Production. . They maintain USAFE's largest and most dispersed conventional munitions stockpile, consisting of 3.94M items (5.9M lbs NEW) collocated in Italy, Spain and Israel, valued at \$434 million. The squadron also maintains serviceable munitions for War Reserve Stocks for Allies-Israel. The vehicle fleet consists of 80 vehicles worth \$4.4 million and 32-units of Aerospace Ground Equipment valued at \$500,000. A plethora of maintenance actions are accomplished within a 2,200-acre Ammunition Storage Area (ASA). The unit possesses 93 facilities ranging from administrative to earth-covered explosive-sited magazines.

LINEAGE

1 Materiel Squadron, 23 Air Base Group (Reinforced) constituted and activated, 1 Sep 1940

Redesignated 31 Materiel Squadron, 17 Jan 1941

Redesignated 31 Service Squadron, 14 Jul 1942

Redesignated 31 Air Service Squadron, 20 Aug 1943

Redesignated 31 Engineering Squadron, 10 Nov 1944

Redesignated 31 Air Engineering Squadron, 25 Jan 1945

Inactivated, 30 Nov 1945

Activated, 19 May 1947

Inactivated, 12 Aug 1948

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted, redesignated 31 Munitions Squadron, and activated, 1 Aug 1996

Inactivated, 22 Mar 2004

Activated on 11 Sep 2007.

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 1 Sep 1940
Moffett Field, CA, 10 Dec 1940-12 Feb 1941
Elmendorf Field, AK, 23 Feb 1941
Amchitka Island, AK, 21 Mar 1943
Fort Lawton, WA, 26 Oct 1944
McChord Field, WA, 3 Nov 1944
Stinson Field, TX, 8 Nov 1944
Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 1 Apr 1945
Fort Lawton, WA, 10-17 Jul 1945
Okinawa, by 1 Sep 1945-30 Nov 1945
Andrews Field, MD, 19 May 1947-12 Aug 1948
Leghorn, Italy, 1 Aug 1996-22 Mar 2004
Livorno, Italy, 11 Sep 2007
Aviano AFB, IT, 31 Jul 2009
Camp Darby, Italy

ASSIGNMENTS

23 Air Base Group (Reinforced) [later, 23 Service Group], 1 Sep 1940
366 Service (later, 366 Air Service) Group, 10 Nov 1944-30 Nov 1945
87 Air Service Group, 19 May 1947-12 Aug 1948
31 Logistics (later, 31 Maintenance) Group, 1 Aug 1996-22 Mar 2004
31 Maintenance Group, 11 Sep 2007

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II: American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Aleutian Islands
Kosovo: Air Campaign

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
[1 Aug] 1996-1 Apr 1998
24 Mar 1999-10 Jun 1999
1 Oct 2000-1 Oct 2002
2 Oct 2002-[22 Mar] 2004

1 Jun 2009-31 May 2011
1 Jan 2012-31 Dec 2013
1 Jan-31 Dec 2014.

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a shield blazoned "Or, four lozenges in fess enhanced also Azure," suppressing two swords in saltire points downward Argent, hilted Tenné, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "BEWARE OUR MIGHT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "31 MUNITIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The crossed swords represent the armaments under the Squadron's charge. The shield signifies the unit's role in defending the nation. The four diamonds represent the Squadron's unique capability of receiving and deploying its munitions via road, sea, air or rail. Approved on 30 Jul 2003.

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OPERATIONS

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