

## 3096 AVIATION DEPOT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

3096 Aviation Depot Squadron  
Activated  
Inactivated

### STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA,  
Nellis AFB, NV, *15 Feb 1970*

### ASSIGNMENTS

3083 Aviation Depot Group  
San Antonio AMA, 1 Jul 1962

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Since the early 1950's, San Antonio Air Materiel Area's Directorate of Special Weapons managed and repaired the Air Force's nuclear ordnance commodity items; but prior to 1962, the 3079th Aviation Depot Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio controlled the weapons located at the two aviation depot squadrons (AVDS), the 3096th AVDS at Travis AFB in California and the 3097th AVDS at Westover AFB in Massachusetts. Personnel at these two sites maintained and stored the weapons.

The aviation depot squadrons' work load increased during the 1970s. On February 15, 1970, the 3096th AVDS completed its move from Travis AFB, California, to Nellis AFB, Nevada. Located outside Las Vegas, Nellis had more space for expanded facilities and construction of a new air freight terminal needed by the 3096th.

The 3097th Aviation Depot Squadron at Stony Brook, and the 3096th Aviation Depot Squadron at Fairfield Air Force Station (Travis AFB, CA) were the only two aviation depot squadrons of the Operational Storage Sites that were not discontinued on 1 July 1962. They were both reassigned on that date to the SAAMA (San Antonio Area Materiel Area), per Special Orders G-38, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. The Stony Brook physical site, however, was transferred to SAC, per Special Orders G-46, AFLC, WPAFB.

**Other Units** In addition to the MATS and SAC units that helped shape the history of the base, four other military organizations were especially prominent in the early 1960s. First, the 3096th Aviation Depot of AFLC occupied the southwest corner of the base, which had been known until 1962 as Fairfield Air Force Station. The squadron's mission concerned atomic energy and was highly classified. It remained at Travis until the spring of 1970. As of 1 January 1970, AFLC transferred the squadron to Lake Mead, Nevada. The actual departure of its personnel, approximately 300, took place in phases between November 1969 and March 1970.

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