

4926 TEST SQUADRON (SAMPLING)



MISSION

4926 Test Squadron (Sampling) mission was sampling radioactive particulates from domestic and foreign nuclear tests.

LINEAGE

4926 Test Squadron (Sampling)

STATIONS

Kirtland AFB, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

4925 Test Group (Atomic)

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Maj Malcom S. Bounds

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

To accomplish its mission, AFSWC activated the 4901st Support Wing (Atomic) and its 4925th Test Group (Atomic), the latter with assigned Boeing B-50 and Convair B-36 strategic bomber aircraft. The Group's first jet-powered bomber, a North American B-45, arrived during mid-1950, and was followed by Boeing B-47 bombers. Other flying activity increased at Kirtland in addition to heavy transient aircraft traffic. During 1950, the Albuquerque Air Defense Sector Headquarters (of Air Defense Command) began operations at Kirtland, supported by the Convair F-102 aircraft of the 93rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron. The 4th Air Weather Group and the 4926th Test Squadron (Sampling), flying Martin B-57 aircraft, were also established at Kirtland AFB during the early 1950s.

4926 Test Squadron replaced by 1211th Test Squadron (Sampling) and assigned to 9th Weather Reconnaissance Group as a result of a moratorium on atmospheric nuclear tests. 16 Aug 1961

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