

97 AIRBORNE MISSILE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

97 Airborne Missile Maintenance Squadron constituted, 23 Oct 1962
Activated, 1 Nov 1962
Inactivated, 25 Mar 1968
Activated, 25 Jul 1968
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1975

STATIONS

Blytheville AFB, AR, 1 Nov 1962-25 Mar 1968
Blytheville AFB, AR, 25 Jul 1968-31 Mar 1975

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Ben M. D. Newson, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a blue disc edged white, a white GAM missile diagonally from upper left to lower right, surmounted by an eagle in flight, head down (body, legs and wings brown, neck and tail white, beak and talons yellow) its talons clutching a green olive branch and a red lightning bolt, all between 8 irregularly placed white stars, 4 in lower left and 4 in upper right. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The blue ground with white stars alludes to the aerospace age; the GAM missile refers to the squadron's maintenance support; and the eagle clutching the olive branch of peace and the lightning bolt of power symbolizes the squadron's vigilance and readiness during peace and its power and speed in times of conflict. (Approved, 1 Jul 1963)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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