

Lineage and Honors History
Of the
46 Tactical Missile Squadron

Lineage. Constituted as 46 Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942. Redesignated as: 46 Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942; 46 Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium) on 10 Apr 1948. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1949. Reconstituted and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 46 Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC) which was constituted as 46 Air Defense Missile Squadron (BOMARC) on 10 Dec 1958. Activated on 1 Jan 1959. Inactivated on 31 Oct 1972. Redesignated as 46 Tactical Missile Squadron on 19 Sep 1985.

Assignments. 317 Transport (later Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942; Fifth Air Force, 18 Aug 1948-1 Apr 1949 (attached to 317 Troop Carrier Wing, 18 Aug 1948-1 Apr 1949 (attached to 317 Troop Carrier Wing, 18 Aug 1948; 6146 Station Group, 1 Oct 1948; 373 Troop Carrier Wing, 5 Mar-1 Apr 1949). New York Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan 1959; 21 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 35 Air Division, 1 Dec 1967-1 Oct 1972.

Stations. Duncan Field, TX, 15 Jun 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 19 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 10 Oct 1942; Maxton, NC, 3-12 Dec 1942; Garbutt Field Australia, 23 Jan 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 1 Oct 1943; Finschafen, New Guinea, 19 Apr 1944; Hollandia, New Guinea, 5 Jul 1944; Leyte, Philippines, 19 Nov 1944; Clark Field, Luzon, Philippines, Mar 1945; Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 19 Aug 1945; Seoul, Korea, 19 Oct 1945; Tachikawa, Japan, 19 Jan 1946; Kimpo, Korea 10 Jul 1946; Matsshima, Japan, 1 Aug 1948; Tachikawa, Japan, 1 Oct 1948-1 Apr 1949. McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Jan 1959-1 Oct 1972.

Aircraft and Missiles. Principally C-47, 1942-1948, and C-46, 1948-1949. BOMARC, 1 Jan 1959-1 Oct 1972.

Operations. Conducted paratroop drops on Nadzab, New Guinea; Neoemfoor, Papua; Tagaytay, Corregidor, and Aparri, Philippines; as well as aerial transport in the South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II. In 1959, trained personnel and prepared for operation of the BOMARC surface-to-air missiles; operated and maintained BOMARC missiles and associated equipment, trained personnel, and maintained a capability to intercept and destroy hostile aircraft until inactivation.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, Western Pacific, Leyte, Luzon, Southern Philippines.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Papua [Jan 1943]; New Guinea, 30 Jun-1 Feb 1943; Philippine Islands, 16-17 Dec 1945.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 19 Sep 1985.

Aircraft and Operations through 1 Oct 1972

Emblem. Approved on 13 Jan 1943 (46 Troop Carrier Squadron); 5 May 1960 (46 Air Defense Missile Squadron).

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