

556 SMS ASSOCIATION AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

Greetings once again to members of the greatest Strategic Missile Squadron there ever will be. Bar none. This is our summer 2015 newsletter. Because of other activities this is a little late. But better late than never, as the old saying goes.

The first thing I want to mention is that we plan to have a reunion next year. You heard that right. Next year. As we have done in the past we will be joining the AAFM group. In 2016 they will be in Omaha, NE. I have never been there so I am going to make every effort to attend. I hope most of you can be there also. Exact dates are 12 – 16 October, 2016. AAFM will be sending the registration info out in the fall and I will send it out as soon as I can after I receive it. The way it works, for those who have never attended one with the AAFM is, you just register for their reunion (You don't have to be a member of the AAFM) and any activities you want. We try to have a room or an area set aside for the 556th. Then one day of the reunion we have our own business meeting!! More details when they are available.

For those who may not know about it, John Stone has written a book about the history of the 556th. It can be purchased through the BYU bookstore. I recommend it. It is excellent reading and some good stories by some of our members. Contact John Stone at coldwarwarriorutah@gmail.com on how to purchase.

Also, Attached is a copy of the official orders regarding our squadron patch I found in my files. FYI, definition of "fimbriated" – "Having a fringe or border of hairlike or fingerlike projections. Hmm. Now we know the "official" meaning of the motto.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Bruce Raleigh".

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Ltr 556 Strat Msl Sq (556-C), 29 Sep 61, Req for Approval of Orgl Emblem

8th Ind (AFPMP-12-C)

Hq USAF, Wash 25, D C

TO: SAC (DPSP)

25 APR 1962

1. In accordance with AFR 900-3, 5 November 1959, the following new emblem is approved for the 556th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Atlas), to supersede the emblem approved under a former designation, the 556th Bombardment Squadron (M), Army Air Forces, 3 June 1943:

DESCRIPTION: On an Air Force blue disc within a wide white border, fimbriated Air Force blue, an Air Force golden yellow missile in upward flight leaving a red trail arched to sinister (left) base, fimbriated white; all between three groups of white lozenge-shaped stars, five (5) in dexter (right), five (5) in sinister (left) chief, and six (6) in sinister base (one of these last appearing in the missile's trail).

MOTTO: On an Air Force golden yellow scroll, edged and inscribed Air Force blue, IN UTRUMQUE PARATUS, Ready in Either Event, or Ready for Anything.

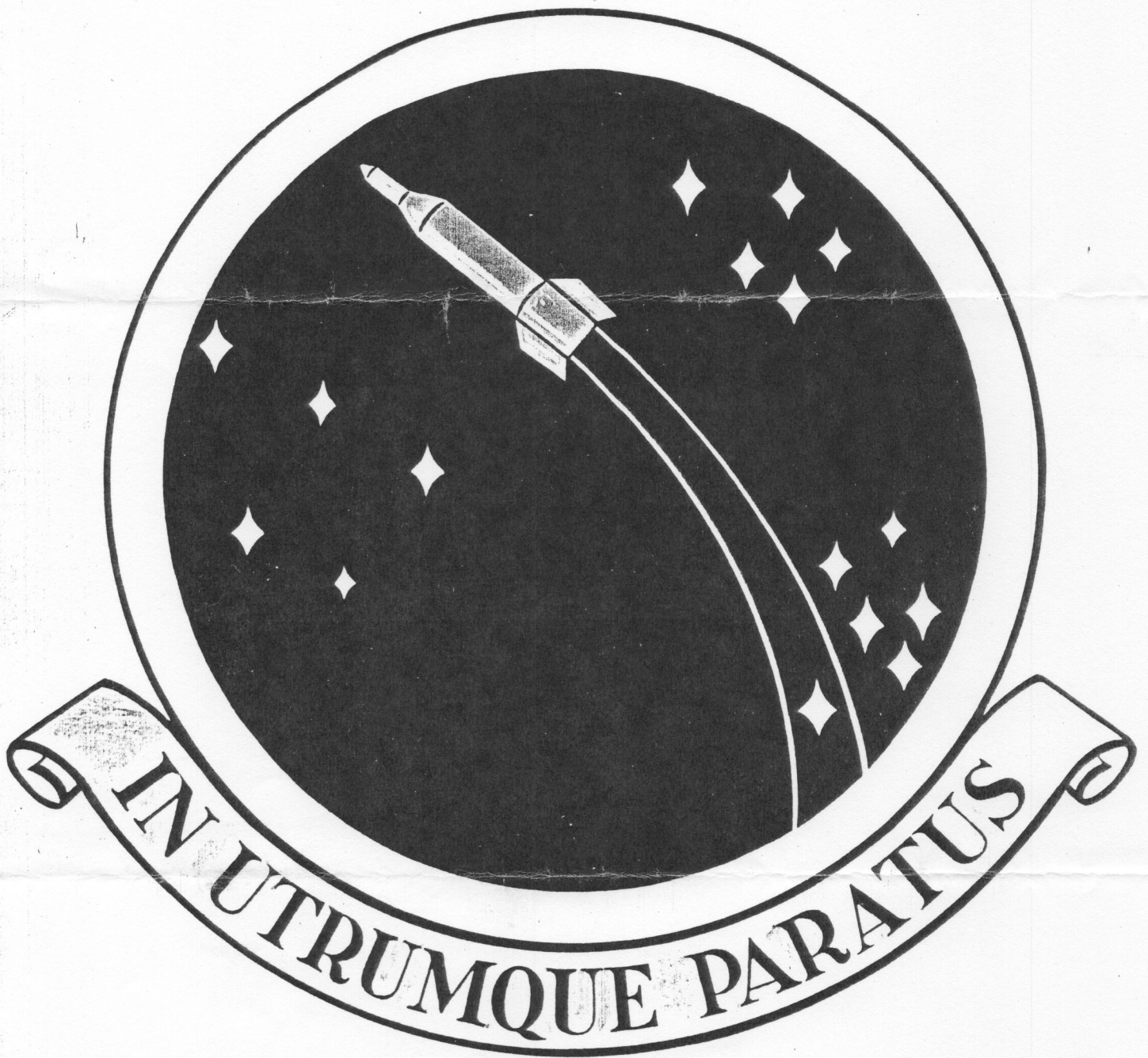
SIGNIFICANCE: The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission, as it depicts the flight of a missile through space, following a prescribed trajectory, and star oriented. The stars are grouped to indicate the unit's numerical designation, 5, 5, 6. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow, and the national colors, red, white and blue.

2. Attached is the official painting of the emblem described above, to be forwarded to the unit for file and guidance in reproduction.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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2 Atch
1. n/c
2, 3 w/d
Added 1 atch
4. Official emblem painting



556TH STRATEGIC MISSILE SQUADRON (ICBM-ATLAS)