

191 AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

191 Tactical Reconnaissance Group established, 1 Oct 1962
Redesignated 191 Fighter-Interceptor Group, 1 Jan 1973
Redesignated 191 Tactical Fighter Group, 1 Jun 1978
Redesignated 191 Fighter Group, 16 Mar 1992
Redesignated 191 Airlift Group, 15 Jul 1994
Inactivated, 30 Sep 2007

STATIONS

Detroit, MI
Selfridge ANGB, Mt Clemens, MI, *Jan 1971*

ASSIGNMENTS

Aerospace Defense Command, Jul 1972

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

RF-84
RF-101, 1971
F-106, 1972
F-4, 1978
F-16
C-130, 1994

Support Aircraft

C-130

COMMANDERS

Col Leon. D. Worden
Col Donald K. Reid
Col Thomas J. Purtill
Col Lloyd E. Harsh Jr., 1973
Col David T. Arendts 1981
Col Gregory J. Maciolek 1986
Col Allan W. Ness 1991
Col Robert S. Prowse 1993
Col Thomas G. Cutler 1995

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Michigan Air National Guard took over control of Selfridge on July 1, 1971 and the base was designated Selfridge Air National Guard Base with a separate detachment, Detachment 1 Headquarters Michigan Air National Guard, to act as host for operation of the base and to perform support functions primarily manned by Federal Civil Service civilians.

The 191 Fighter Interceptor Group, then commanded by Col. Donald K. Reid, formally joined the Aerospace Defense Command in July 1972. Selfridge's largest flying organization, the 191 FIG, was now tasked with the heavy burden of area responsibility for the nation's defense. The 191 FIG is a fulltime partner with the Air Force Aerospace Defense Command units, assuming a 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week runway alert posture. The unit must fulfill identical training requirements and the same operational readiness commitments as their regular Air Force counterparts.

191 Fighter Interceptor Group, Detachment 1, Seymour Johnson AFB inactivated 30 Sep 1992.

Participated in Combat Archer training at Tyndall AFB, FL, 2 - 8 May 1993

Flew first humanitarian airlift on mission to Rwanda, 9 Sep 1995.

The 127th Wing was created in 1996 by the merger of the 127th Fighter Wing and the 191 Airlift Group. The 127th Wing is broken into five groups, each of which are composed of various flights and squadrons. The 127th Air Refueling Group flies and maintains the KC-135T. The 127th ARG includes the 171st Air Refueling Squadron, 191 Operation Support Flight, 191 Maintenance Squadron, 191 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 191 Maintenance Operations Flight.



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