

314th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

314th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 15 Apr 1944

Activated, 23 Apr 1944

Redesignated 314th Composite Wing, 15 Apr 1946

Inactivated, 20 Aug 1948

Redesignated 314th Air Division, 21 Nov 1950

Activated, 1 Dec 1950

Inactivated, 1 Mar 1952

Activated, 15 Mar 1955

314 Air Division established 13 Aug 1948

Organized on 18 Aug 1948

Discontinued, 1 Mar 1950

Both 314th Air Divisions consolidated and designated 314th Air Division, 1 Jul 1978

Inactivated, 8 Sep 1986

STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 23 Apr-9 Dec 1944

North Field, Guam, 16 Jan 1945

Johnson AFB, (later, AB), Japan, 15 May 1946-1 Mar 1950

Nagoya AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950-1 Mar 1952

Osan Ni (later, Osan) AB, Korea, 15 Mar 1955

Yong San, Korea, 7 Nov 1978
Osan AB, Korea, 1 Apr 1979-8 Sep 1986.

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 23 Apr 1944
XXI Bomber Command, 8 Jun 1944
Twentieth Air Force, 16 Jul 1945
Fifth Air Force, 15 May 1946
V Bomber Command, 30 May 1946
Fifth Air Force, 31 May 1946-1 Mar 1950
Fifth Air Force, 1 Dec 1950
Far East Air Forces, 18 May 1951-1 Mar 1952
Fifth Air Force, 15 Mar 1955-8 Sep 1986

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 23 Apr-20 May 1944
LTC Donald Mace, 21 May 1944
BG Roger M. Ramey, 1 Jun 1944
LTC Hewitt T. Wheless, 15 Jun 1944
Col John G. Fowler, 24 Jun 1944
BG Thomas S. Power, 29 Aug 1944
Col Carl R. Storrie, 23 Jul-Sep 1945
Unkn, Sep-Nov 1945
Col Elbert D. Reynolds, 1 Dec 1945-unkn
None (not manned), 15-30 May 1946
BG Jarred V. Crabb, 31 May 1946
Col Clarence D. Wheeler, 30 Jul 1946
BG David W. Hutchison, 23 Aug 1946
BG Herbert B. Thatcher, 18 Feb 1947
Col Edward H. Underhill, 3 Jun 1947
Col Ray W. Clifton, 28 May 1948
Col Thomas B. Hall, 5-18 Aug 1948
Unkn, 18 Aug 1948-1 Mar 1950
BG Delmar T. Spivey, 1 Dec 1950-1 Mar 1952
Col William W. Momyer, 15 Mar 1955
Col Thomas L. Mosley, c. Oct 1955
BG Thomas J. Gent Jr., 15 May 1956
Col Paul T. Hanley, Jul 1957
BG Virgil L. Zoller, Aug 1957
BG James B. Tipton, 7 Jul 1959
BG John M. Hutchison, 16 May 1961
BG William L. Mitchell Jr., 6 Sep 1963
Col Arthur C. Carlson Jr., 9 Jul 1965
BG Pinkham Smith, 1 Aug 1965

BG John W. Harrell Jr., 1 Jul 1967
BG Arthur W. Holderness Jr., 1 Jul 1968
MG Robert W. Maloy, 30 Apr 1970
BG Travil R. McNeil, 5 Jun 1972
BG Winfield W. Scott, 23 May 1973
BG Walter P. Paluch Jr., 12 Jul 1974
MG Don D. Pittman, 11 Aug 1975
MG Robert C. Taylor, 9 Apr 1977
MG George A. Edwards Jr., 27 Jul 1978
LTG Charles A. Gabriel, 7 Nov 1978
LTG Evan W. Rosencrans, 15 Mar 1979
MG George A. Edwards Jr., 1 Apr 1979
MG Fred A. Haeffner, 1 Aug 1980
MG Craven C. Rogers, 17 Jun 1983
MG James P. Smothermon, 23 Jul 1985
MG James T. Callaghan, 1 Aug-8 Sep 1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Service

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Western Pacific (Air)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1980-31 Dec 1981

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

19-20 Aug 1972

EMBLEM



On an ultramarine blue disc, in sinister base, a globe, proper, with silver water areas and brown land areas, fin-briated gold, winged at dexter by a stylized wing of the last, charged with four aerial bombs gules palewise, points to base. (Approved, 20 Jan 1945)

On a shield argent a roundle azure, charged with a sphere of the field, land areas sable edged or; a demi wing superimposed over the dexter area of the sphere of the first, highlighted or. (Approved, 9 May 1956)

MOTTO

DESTRUCTIO AB ALTO— Destruction from Above

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 314th moved to Guam in Jan 1945. From then until the end of the war in Aug 1945, its subordinate units conducted daylight raids against strategic objectives, bombing aircraft factories, chemical plants, oil refineries, and other targets in Japan. These units also participated in several incendiary raids on Tokyo and other Japanese cities. Later in 1945, they mixed their missions between precision attacks against specific targets and fire raids against urban areas.

Immediately after the end of the war, wing aircraft carried supplies to American prisoners of war. For approximately two years (1946-1948) the 314th served as one of Fifth Air Force's major components. It maintained intensive training schedules, participated in training exercises and took part in the post-hostilities program of mapping Japan.

Activated at Nagoya AB, Japan, on 1 Dec 1950, the organization immediately assumed the missions of the air defense of Japan, logistical support for Fifth Air Force during the Korean conflict, and airfield construction in Japan.

The division maintained assigned and attached forces at a high degree of combat readiness, Mar 1955-Sep 1986. In fulfilling its mission, the division supported numerous military exercises in the region, such as Commando Bearcat, Commando Jade, and Commando Night.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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