

## 316<sup>th</sup> AIR DIVISION



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

316<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy established, 4 Aug 1944  
Activated, 14 Aug 1944  
Redesignated 316<sup>th</sup> Composite Wing, 8 Jan 1946  
Redesignated 316<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 6 May 1946  
Inactivated on 21 Jun 1948  
Redesignated 316<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense), 26 Jun 1953  
Organized, 18 Sep 1953  
Discontinued, 1 Apr 1960  
Redesignated 316<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Jun 1985  
Activated, 14 Jun 1985  
Inactivated, 1 May 1991

#### STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 14 Aug 1944-7 Jul 1945  
Kadena (later, Kadena Field, Kadena AAB, Kadena AFB), Okinawa, 17 Aug 1945-21 Jun 1948  
Rabat-Sale AB, French Morocco (later, Morocco), 18 Sep 1953-1 Apr 1960  
Ramstein AB, Germany, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 14 Aug 1944  
Army Service Forces, 8 Jul 1945  
Eighth Air Force, 5 Sep 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Air Division, 13 Jun 1946-21 Jun 1948  
Seventeenth Air Force, 18 Sep 1953

United States Air Forces in Europe, 15 Nov 1959-1 Apr 1960  
Seventeenth Air Force, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991

## **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 14-25 Aug 1944  
Col Howard W. Gray, 26 Aug 1944  
Col Joseph J. Nazzaro, 22 Nov 1944  
Col Thomas J. DuBose, 5 Dec 1944  
Col Joseph J. Nazzaro, 1 Dec 1945  
BG Richard C. Lindsay, 21 Jan 1946  
Col Clarence A. Neely, 3 Mar 1947  
Col Francis L. Rivard, 13 Sep 1947  
BG Charles T. Myers, 1 Oct 1947  
Col John F. Wadman, 11 Dec 1947  
Col Walter E. Arnold, 11 May-21 Jun 1948  
Unkn, 18-20 Sep 1953  
Col John R. Kane, 21 Sep 1953  
Col Richard P. Fulcher, 26 Dec 1953  
Col Woodrow W. Dunlop, 13 Nov 1954  
Col Wallace S. Ford, 23 Jun 1955  
Col Arthur C. Carlson Jr., 26 May 1956  
Col William D. Greenfield, 7 Mar 1958-1 Apr 1960  
BG Ralph E. Havens, 14 Jun 1985  
BG Cecil W. Powell, 14 Jun 1985  
BG Lawrence E. Huggins, 11 Jul 1986  
BG Lawrence E. Boese, 3 Aug 1988  
BG Richard T. Swope, 6 Jul 1990-1 May 1991

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II Asiatic Pacific Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
14 Jun 1985-13 Jun 1987  
1 May 1989-30 Apr 1991

## **EMBLEM**



Or, a globe azure gridlined gray and charged with a lion rampant grasping a sword of the third all within a diminished bordure gray. (Approved, 27 Feb 1945)

On an ultramarine blue disc, marked with stylized latitude and longitude lines argent, a lion rampant, holding aloft in the dexter paw a sword, 211 of the last. (Approved, 12 Feb 1945. This insignie was superseded by a new emblem, 15 Nov 1955)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 316th Bombardment Wing trained in the United States before transfer to Okinawa in Aug 1945. Assigned units ferried Allied prisoners of war from Japan to the Philippine Islands.

In Sep 1953, the 316th Division manned, equipped, trained, and maintained assigned units until Apr 1960. It provided warning and defense against potential hostile air operations against the Moroccan region of North Africa.

316 Air (Defense) Division Mission: in consonance with current French/American agreements, to man, equip, train and maintain a high state of readiness, an air defense organization which will provide warning of and an effective defense against hostile air operations in the Moroccan area; and to prepare subordinate fighter units in performance of the role of ground support.

In 1985, the division gained operational responsibility to implement war and contingency plans. It also provided host support to units in the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) as well as logistical support for other organizations in the European theater.

In Apr-May 1991, assigned units deployed aircraft and personnel to Turkey in support of Provide Comfort, a humanitarian relief effort to save the Kurds from starvation and resettle them in northern Iraq

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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