

24th AIR DIVISION



LINEAGE

Established as 24th Air Division, 18 Nov 1969

Activated, 19 Nov 1969

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1990

STATIONS

Malmstrom AFB, MT, 19 Nov 1969

Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Dec 1983-30 Sep 1990

ASSIGNMENTS

Tenth Air Force, 19 Nov 1969

Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Dec 1969

Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1979

First Air Force, 6 Dec 1985-30 Sep 1990

COMMANDERS

MG Richard S. Abbey, 19 Nov 1969

Col Franklin C. Crain, 1 Apr 1971 (temporary)

MG Richard S. Abbey, 26 Apr 1971

MG William S. Harrell, 29 Jul 1971

MG Lawrence J. Fleming, 28 Feb 1973

Col Thomas W. Liner, 28 Jun 1974

MG Louis G. Leiser, 30 Jul 1974

Col David B. Ballou, 29 Mar 1977 (interim)

MG Don D. Pittman, 29 Apr 1977

MG Walter H. Baxter III, 29 Sep 1978

Col Donald R. Williams, 22 Jan 1979

BG John H. Bennett, 11 Feb 1980

Col Donald R. Williams, 17 Nov 1980

BG Milford E. Davis, 27 Feb 1981

Col George A. Kersey Jr., 12 Aug 1982

BG Kenneth W. North, 23 Sep 1983

BG David M. Goodrich, 1 Oct 1985

BG Lester P. Brown, 18 Jul 1988-c. 30 Sep 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1972

1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1976

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1978

EMBLEM

Per quarter fimbriated or, first quarter chequy alternating sable and argent, second and third quarter azure, on the second quarter a head in armor couped at the neck with visor open gray and of the second, on the third quarter thirteen mullets of five points argent, fourth quarter gray bearing two flight symbols bend sinisterwise sable, overall in pale a sword, point to chief blade gray and sable, base gray, hilt and guard or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved 27 Jan 1972)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

The emblem is symbolic of the unit and the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow are used. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations and yellow to the sun and the excellence required of personnel in their assigned tasks. The black and white checked design is representative of the unit's day and night commitment to the air defense mission. The knight's head in armor is symbolic of the personnel of the unit who stand alert, ever ready and maintain constant watch. The blue field not only symbolizes the sky, but space and the challenge of detecting and defending against threats from space. The stars on the field of blue represent the 13 original colonies. The sword symbolizes the armed might of the unit and ability to detect, intercept and deter any armed opposition. Interceptor forces are symbolized by the interceptor MACH symbols being directed skyward. Radar control and direction of defense forces are symbolized by lightning impulses radiating from the sword.

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OPERATIONS

In 1969, the division assumed responsibility for the air defense of Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, and parts of Nebraska, Utah, Nevada, and Idaho. By 1973, this area included parts of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Tactical units assigned to the 24th

participated in numerous training exercises such as Feudal Indian, Vigilant Overview, and Feudal Keynote. Between 1969 and 1979, the division also controlled several radar squadrons. On 1 Oct 1979, the 24th Air Division became a component of Tactical Air Command, but remained stationed in Montana, and its mission continued to be one of equipping, administering, training, and providing combat ready air defense forces for the operational control of NORAD.



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