

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



### **MISSION**

The 25<sup>th</sup> equipped, administered, trained and provided air defense combat ready forces within the northwestern United States, which at various times included the states of Washington, Oregon, and parts of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, California and Nevada. It exercised command jurisdiction over assigned units, installations, and facilities and provided and maintained facilities for the Air Division control center. In addition, the division and its subordinate units also participated in numerous tactical air defense training exercises.

### **LINEAGE**

25<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Division established, 27 Sep 1948  
Activated, 25 Oct 1948  
Redesignated 25<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense), 20 Jun 1949  
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952  
Organized, 1 Feb 1952  
Redesignated 25<sup>th</sup> Air Division (SAGE), 1 Mar 1959  
Redesignated 25<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1990

### **STATIONS**

Silver Lake, WA, 25 Oct 1948  
McChord AFB, WA, 14 Sep 1951-1 Feb 1952  
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Feb 1952-30 Sep 1990

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Fourth Air Force, 25 Oct 1948  
Air Defense Command, 1 Apr 1949

Fourth Air Force, 8 Jul 1949  
Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950-1 Feb 1952  
Western Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952  
Air Defense Command, 1 Jul 1960  
Fourth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966  
Tenth Air Force, 15 Sep 1969  
Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Dec 1969  
Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1979  
First Air Force, 6 Dec 1985-30 Sep 1990

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949-1 Aug 1950

## **COMMANDERS**

BG Ned Schramm, 25 Oct 1948  
Maj John C. Burnett, 6 Nov 1948  
BG Clinton D. Vincent, 20 Apr 1949-1 Feb 1952  
BG Clinton D. Vincent, 1 Feb 1952  
BG T. Alan Bennett, 1 Apr 1952  
BG Romulus W. Puryear, 15 Sep 1954  
BG Charles R. Bond Jr., 1 Sep 1957  
MG Von R. Shores, 15 Aug 1959  
MG Henry R. Spicer, 13 Aug 1962  
MG William E. Elder, 1 Jun 1964  
BG John A. Rouse, 5 Mar 1966  
Col Morris E. Petty, 1 May 1969  
MG Archie M. Burke, 14 Nov 1969  
MG Jack K. Gamble, 13 Mar 1972  
MG James A. Young, by 31 Mar 1974  
BG Elwood A. Kees Jr., 15 Jun 1976  
Col Harold A. Homan, 22 Jan 1979  
BG Alfred M. Miller, 1 Feb 1980  
MG Harold W. Todd, 1 Sep 1980  
BG Richard M. Pascoe, 1 Sep 1982  
BG Alan P. Lurie, 4 Sep 1984  
BG John M. Davey, 1 Jul 1987  
Unkn, Aug 1989-30 Sep 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

**Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Aug 1970

1 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1971

1 Jun 1985-31 May 1987

**EMBLEM**





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**MOTTO**

ON EST PRET--Forever Ready

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Order of Battle  
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Sources

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