

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



### LINEAGE

Established as 29<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense), 29 Jan 1951  
Activated, 1 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952  
Organized, 1 Feb 1952  
Redesignated 29<sup>th</sup> Air Division (SAGE), 1 Jan 1960  
Redesignated 29<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
Inactivated, 19 Nov 1969

### STATIONS

Great Falls AFB, MT, 1 Mar 1951-1 Feb 1952  
Great Falls (later, Malmstrom) AFB, MT, 1 Feb 1952  
Richards Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Jul 1961  
Duluth International Airport, MN, 1 Apr 1966-19 Nov 1969

### ASSIGNMENTS

Western Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1951 1 Feb 1952  
Western Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952  
Central Air Defense Force, 16 Feb 1953  
Air Defense Command, 1 Jan 1960  
Tenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966  
First Air Force, 15 Sep-19 Nov 1969

### COMMANDERS

Col Paul E. Greiner, 1 Mar 1951  
Col Edward N. Backus, by 31 Aug 1952  
BG James O. Guthrie, by 31 Aug 1953  
BG Harold L. Neely, by 31 Jul 1956  
BG Cecil P. Lessig, by 30 Nov 1959  
MG Wendell W. Bowman, 1 Jul 1961 (interim)  
MG Dolf E. Muehleisen, 24 Jul 1961  
MG Thomas K. McGehee, 30 Jan 1965  
Col James K. Dowling, 1 Apr 1966

Col Robert P. Howle Jr., 19 Aug 1967  
Col Converse B. Kelly, by 31 Oct 1967  
Col James M. Fogle, by 28 Feb 1969  
Col William F. Shaeffer, by 31 Aug-19 Nov 1969

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

Azure, within a diminished bordure or, issuant from sinister base a cloud formation proper, overall superimposed on the border and issuant from sinister base a demi sphere with axis bendwise light blue surmounted by a lightning flash of the second between a missile symbol gules and sable emitting a vapor trail of the second all fimbriated argent, and a radar screen of the fifth detailed of the sixth and edged of the seventh emitting a light beam of the like all bendwise, in dexter chief an aircraft symbol of the last voided of the fifth and in sinister chief four mullets one, two and one of the seventh. (Approved 27 Nov 1961)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The division maintained a Direction Center at Richards Gebaur AFB, Missouri, as part of the integrated air defense system of the Air Defense Command. In 1951, it assumed responsibility for the air defense of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and parts of Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. By 1953, the area changed to include North and South Dakota and Nebraska. The 29th supervised the training of its units, and participated in numerous training exercises. In 1966, the division's area changed again to include Minnesota, parts of Wisconsin, and North Dakota, and further expanded to cover most of Iowa by 1969.



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