

31st AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

31st Air Division (Defense) established, 7 Sep 1950
Activated, 8 Oct 1950
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952
Organized, 1 Feb 1952
Inactivated, 1 Jan 1960
Redesignated 31st Air Division and activated, 20 Jan 1966
Organized, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

STATIONS

Selfridge AFB, MI, 8 Oct 1950
Fort Snelling, MN, 18 Dec 1950-1 Feb 1952
Fort Snelling (later, Snelling AFS), MN, 1 Feb 1952-1 Jan 1960
Oklahoma City AFS, OK, 1 Apr 1966-31 Dec 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Defense Force, 8 Oct 1950
Central Air Defense Force, 20 May 1951-1 Feb 1952
Central Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952-1 Jan 1960
Air Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966
Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966
Tenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1968-31 Dec 1969

ATTACHMENTS

30th Air Division [Defense], 27 Nov 1950-1 Feb 1951

COMMANDERS

1LT Carter H. Cowan, 8 Oct 1950
LTC Otto G. Quanrud, 18 Dec 1950
Col Harold W. Grant, 9 Jan 1951
BG Thomas C. Darcy, 7 Jul 1951-1 Feb 1952
BG Thomas C. Darcy, 1 Feb 1952
BG William A. Matheny, 16 Jun 1953
BG Frank W. Gillespie, 27 Sep 1957
Col Thomas K. McGehee, 10 Aug 1959-unkn
None (not manned), 20 Jan-31 Mar 1966
Col Edward S. E. Newbur, 1 Apr 1966
Col Alfred V. Walton, 22 Aug 1966
Col William W. Griffith, by 30 Jun 1968
Col Frank E. Angier, by 30 Sep 1968-31 Dec 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a shield azure, a radar scope argent, with markings sable and gules over a land or weather maze light blue, over the center a silhouette of a bat volant sable. (Approved 19 Mar 1954).

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OPERATIONS

The division equipped, administered, trained, and provided combat ready forces within an area covering North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and other parts of the Midwest. Later, beginning in 1966, the 31st covered an area including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The division participated in numerous live and simulated exercises such as Creek Chief, Pawnee

Knife, and Mandan Hunt.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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