

## 41 AIR DIVISION



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

41 Air Division (Defense) designated and organized, 1 Mar 1952  
Redesignated 41 Air Division, 18 Mar 1955  
Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Jan 1968

### STATIONS

Johnson Air Base (later, Air Station), Japan, 1 Mar 1952  
Yokota Air Base, Japan, 28 Jun 1962-15 Jan 1968

### ASSIGNMENTS

Japan Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1952  
Fifth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954-15 Jan 1968

### COMMANDERS

Col Robert S. Israel, 1 Mar 1952  
Col Charles E. Lancaster Jr., 25 Jun 1952  
Col Anthony V. Grossetta, 25 Jul 1952  
Brig Gen Cecil P. Essign, 1 Mar 1955

Col Elbert Helton, 20 Jun 1958  
Col Murray W. Crowder, 4 Aug 1958  
Brig Gen Theodore R. Milton, 11 Aug 1958  
Brig Gen Thomas R. Ford, c. 25 Jun 1961  
Col Philip C. Loofbourrow, 11 Jun 1962  
Col Leo Hawel Jr., 28 Jun 1962  
Col Charles S. Overstreet Jr., 26 Jun 1963  
Col Maurice L. Martin, 27 Jul 1963  
Col Paul P. Douglas Jr., 26 Jul 1965-15 Jan 1968

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

Korean Service

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

## EMBLEM





Over a shield, divided per bend, azure and gules a cost argent, between a shield of the last ornamented and orled of the second and sable and an arm in armor embowed, gauntleted and brandishing a sword to the sinister all argent; on a chief vert in fess a radio wave pattern argent, the shield and chief edged throughout of the last. (Approved, 30 Apr 1958)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

From Mar 1952-Jan 1968, the 41st Air Division organized, administered, equipped, and trained assigned units in Japan. It conducted combined planning with the Japan Air Self Defense Force and, when directed by higher headquarters, joint and combined training with other allied forces. It also developed tactics and examined technical aspects of aerial warfare requirements for new weapons and weapon systems, and improved uses of current weapons. In addition, its assigned units carried out aerial surveillance and reconnaissance missions and collected, evaluated, produced and disseminated intelligence data.

The division maintained operational control of all United States Navy and Marine defense type aircraft, United States Army antiaircraft artillery, and surface to air missile units in Japan.

In 1962 it became an operational organization that controlled, evaluated, and exercised assigned units. In fulfilling this role, the division participated in exercises such as Commando Night, Commando Rock, Bright Night and Teamwork. In response to the Tonkin Gulf incident in 1964, the 41st deployed personnel and aircraft to Southeast Asia. These deployments continued periodically over the next four years.

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