

66 AIR BASE WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

66 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing established, 15 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Jan 1953
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1970
Redesignated 66 Electronic Combat Wing and activated, 1 Jun 1985
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1992
Redesignated 66 Air Base Wing, 16 Sep 1994
Activated, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan-25 Jun 1953
Sembach AB, Germany, 7 Jul 1953
Laon AB, France, 10 Jul 1958
RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Sep 1966-1 Apr 1970
Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jun 1985-31 Mar 1992
Hanscom AFB, MA, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 1 Jan 1953
Twelfth Air Force, 7 Jul 1953
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958
Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959

Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1966-1 Apr 1970
65 Air Division, 1 Jun 1985
Seventeenth Air Force, 30 Jun 1991-31 Mar 1992
Electronic Systems Center, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

Col Jacob W. Dixon, 1 Jan 1953
Col George H. Fulcher, 27 Mar 1953
Col Hervey H. Whitfield, by Sep 1954
Col Earl H. Jacobson, 25 Apr 1957
Col Robert R. Gideon, Jr., 8 Jun 1957
Brig Gen Kyle L. Riddle, Aug 1959
Col Bernard R. Muldoon, 6 Jul 1961
Col Nathan J. Adams, 2 Jul 1963
Col Charlie Falletta, 24 May 1965
Col Frederick W. Dyer, 10 Jul 1965
Col Frank C. Malone, 13 Jul 1965
Col Robert J. Holbury, 6 Jul 1966
Col Kendall S. Young, 14 Aug 1967
Col Harry M. Chapman, 26 Jun 1968
Col Herman G. Tillman Jr., 4 Jul 1968-1 Apr 1970
Col Frederick A. Zehrer III, 1 Jun 1985
Col William B. Mitchell, 25 Mar 1988
Col David L. Vesely, 30 Jun 1989
Col John R. Fuhrmann, 18 May 1990
Col Joseph D. Ferris, 29 Jul 1991-31 Mar 1992
Col John O. Weimer, 1 Oct 1994
Col John A. Piazza, 19 Jul 1996
Col James M. Jackson, 22 Jun 1998
Col Chris T. Anzalone, 10 Aug 1998
Col Danny K. Gardner, 22 May 2000
Col Philip Meteer, 5 Jun 2002
Col Darrell D. Jones, 29 Jul 2002
Col Timothy C. Ceteras, 8 Jun 2004
Col Thomas J. Schluckebier, 28 Jul 2006
Col David L. Orr, 31 Jul 2008
Col Stacy Yike

WEAPON SYSTEMS

RF-51, 1953
RB-26, 1953-1955
RF-80, 1953-1956
RB-57, 1954-1955, 1955-1958
B-57, 1955-1956

RF-84, 1955-1959
RB-66, 1957-1958
RB-45, 1957
RF-101, 1958-1970
RF-4, 1969-1970
EF-111, 1985-1991
EC-130, 1986-1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1962

1 Apr 1987-1 Mar 1989

1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

1 Jun 1991-31 Mar 1992

1 Jan 1996-31 Dec 1997

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jan 2003-31 Dec 2004

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 66 Reconnaissance Group prior to 1 Jan 1953

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Decorations

EMBLEM



Approved, 18 Mar 1986; based on emblem approved, 26 May 1953

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OPERATIONS

Replaced 118 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Jan 1953.

Provided reconnaissance for USAFE and NATO, 1953-1970.

Upon next activation in 1985, trained EC-130 aircrews (43 Electronic Combat Squadron) and NATO forces on EC-130H COMPASS CALL electronic countermeasures. Wing's EF-111 (42 Electronic Combat Squadron) under operational control of 20 Fighter Wing.

Assigned host wing responsibilities that included support of numerous geographically separated units and logistical support for flying units located at Sembach AB.

Deployed aircraft and personnel to Southwest Asia and Turkey, providing tactical and electronic combat operations against Iraq from 17 Jan-28 Feb 1991.

Provided support and services to Hanscom AFB, MA, 1994-.

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