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Foreword

The United States Air Force Historical Research Center and its predecessor organizations have over the years received thousands of requests for brief histories of Air Force organizations. Wing commanders ask for historical data that can be used to introduce the unit to new personnel, build morale, and improve *esprit de corps.* Headquarters USAF and the major commands require historical information to plan organizational changes. Officers throughout the Air Force need historical material for public affairs purposes. Former members of the Army Air Forces and the Air Force are interested in the heritage and history of the organizations in which they served. Government agencies and private individuals, for a variety of reasons, also want to know about Air Force establishments and units and their histories.

Because of the interest in these lineage and honors histories, the USAF Historical Division in the late 1950s compiled a reference volume of Air Force combat organizations—groups, wings, divisions, commands, and air forces. Published in 1961, this volume focused exclusively on organizations active during World War II. Historians traced each organization from its origin to 1 January 1956. A companion volume followed, containing the histories of combat squadrons active between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945.† These squadron histories were carried through 5 March 1963 (the fiftieth anniversary of the 1st Aero Squadron, the first Army unit to be equipped with aircraft for tactical operations). This present volume, the third in the series, is devoted to the Air Force-controlled (AFCON) combat wings of the post-World War II United States Air Force. All of these wings feature numerical designations up to three digits (1 through 706); only five possess history and honors from World War II.** Each wing’s history is traced from its origin through September 1977, when the Air Force celebrated its thirtieth anniversary as a separate service.

** These wings are therefore not involved in the temporary bestowal of history and honors described in the introduction to this volume. They are: 1st Special Operations Wing, which began its existence as the 1st Air Commando Group; 24th Composite Wing, which had the same designation during World War II; 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, which dates from 1942 thanks to consolidation in 1965 with the wartime 5th Reconnaissance Group; 54th Tactical Fighter Wing, established in February 1943 as the 54th Troop Carrier Wing; and 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, which began its life in October 1944 as the 301st Fighter Wing.
Readers should study carefully the explanatory notes (pages ix to xiii) after looking up the unit or units of interest. Each wing entry contains a great deal of information. The way in which units, names, and dates are listed—particularly the punctuation—has specific meaning.

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Preface

Permanent organizations of the Air Force, whether active or inactive, are Air Force-controlled (AFCON) organizations with a continuing lineage and history. Although some AFCON organizations are named, most are numbered and contain from one to three digits in the numerical part of their designation. (Examples: 1st Tactical Fighter-Wing; 28th Bombardment Wing; Heavy; 374th Tactical Airlift Wing.) AFCON organizations, when activated a second or subsequent time, regain their previous lineage, history, honors, and emblem. Temporary organizations, on the other hand, are major command-controlled (MAJCON) organizations without a continuing lineage or history. MAJCON organizations always have four digits in the numerical portion of their designation. (Example: 6510th Test-Wing.) Because MAJCON organizations are by nature temporary—designed originally to let major commands meet the exigencies of fast changing circumstances—once inactivated their lineage and history is permanently retired.

This volume deals with one category and echelon of AFCON organization—the "combat" (category) "wing" (echelon). A combat wing is one that has, or previously has had, a specific functional designation and mission in combat: bombardment, fighter, strategic and tactical reconnaissance (all types), airlift, air refueling, or missile. Besides the combat aspects of their flying or fighting mission, combat wings are often charged with operating a base. Whether combat or support in category, all wings occupy an intermediate echelon in the Air Force organizational hierarchy, above groups and squadrons, but below divisions and air forces. Although there are no "typical" combat wings, most usually have two or more assigned combat squadrons in the same functional areas as the wing, or in a closely related functional area. For instance, a tactical fighter wing generally has two or more tactical fighter squadrons, and may also have a tactical fighter training squadron. A bombardment wing will generally have a bombardment squadron and an air refueling squadron. Combat wings often have a variety of support organizations that are permanently aligned with the parent wing through similarity in numerical designation. Combat wings further possess, as a general rule, a significant self-supporting capability in the areas of materiel, maintenance, and munitions. The strength of the United States Air Force is often calculated by the number of active combat wings it controls.

*Some functional designations disguise the combat function under such terms as "Air Commando," or "Special Operations," or "Composite," but the unit is nonetheless involved in one or more of these basic combat missions.
A few wings other than combat wings appear in this volume. The 1st and 377th Air Base Wings, although support establishments, are included because they have in their history controlled combat components. The 46th Aerospace Defense Wing (a “disguised” air base wing) appears because it possesses the temporarily bestowed history and honors of a World War II combat group and may at some future date be employed as a combat wing. Many Air National Guard (ANG) combat wings (designated in the 101–300 block of numbers) have served one or more brief tours of active service with the Air Force, but these wings are controlled in peacetime by the individual states of the United States and do not normally fall into either the AFCON or MAJCON category. For this reason, because the ANG in recent years abandoned strict adherence to the Air Force lineage system, and because histories of these units are sometimes unavailable or records for peacetime periods are lost, the Air Force can no longer determine with certainty the lineage, history, and honors of ANG combat wings. They are therefore excluded. Finally, 66 of the 281 AFCON wings that have existed either as active or inactive establishments since World War II are, or were, either support organizations or did not have a combat flying mission; for these reasons they have been by category also excluded.* Some of these organizations operated under combat conditions, while others have or had flying support functions. Because these wings were organized either to support combat flying operations, or because they had no specific flying mission, they do not fall into the category of “combat flying” wings and therefore do not appear in the volume.

Every AFCON wing appearing in this work is identified by the designation it possessed on 30 September 1977. For each of these wings I have provided information about the lineage, assignments, tactical components, stations, commanders, aircraft and missiles, operations, service and campaign streamers, decorations, and emblem. An explanation of these elements and their treatment is contained in the explanatory notes. In preparing any reference work, one has finally to draw a line between what can and cannot be reasonably included. Thus, some important elements, such as the wing support components and the full designation of tactical components, have been purposefully, if reluctantly, excluded.

Most of the sources used to prepare this volume are located in the document collection of the United States Air Force Historical Research Center at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Perhaps most important among these sources are histories that Air Force organizations at all echelons have prepared periodically and sent to the

*They are: 1st Medical Service Wing; 1st through 7th, plus the 43d and 59th, Weather Wings, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing; 13th through 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, 39th, 59th, 73d, 75th, 77th, 80th, 85th, and 88th Air Depot Wings; 39th and 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wings; 41st Aerospace Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing; 73d Aerospace Surveillance Wing; 82d Combat Security Police Wing; 501st and 601st Tactical Control Wings; 507th and 602d Tactical Air Control Wings, 544th Strategic Intelligence Wing; 554th Operations Support Wing, 603d Air Base Wing; 901st–907th, 910th–918th, 920th–926th, and 928th–930th Reserve Training Wings; and 941st–944th Reserve Air Depot Training Wings.
Historical Research Center under the auspices of the Air Force history program. Wing histories and their supporting documents served as the primary sources, of course; but histories of wing components, or of divisions and numbered air forces that controlled the wings, were frequently consulted. These related histories often furnished crucial information during those periods when a wing history was poorly prepared, or not prepared at all. The organization record cards of each USAF unit and establishment, maintained by Headquarters USAF until early 1978 and thereafter by the Historical Research Center, provided an important source of information. Most of the material on wing emblems was obtained at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, although many emblems also came from the Defense Audio Visual Agency’s Still Photo Depository at Arlington, Virginia. The periodic Directory of United States Air Force Organizations, published by Headquarters USAF from September 1947 through November 1973, provided valuable information about active wings, their assignments, and stations.* Finally, primary source documents in the Historical Research Center collection, including command station lists, G-series special orders, operations plans and reports, organizational directories, Department of the Air Force Manpower and Organization numbered letters, and similar records, were indispensable.

Unfortunately, even among this plenitude of sources, it sometimes proved impossible to ascertain specific facts. The full names of wing commanders and the exact dates they assumed command, for example, were often not to be found. To determine a particular fact from fragmentary and sometimes conflicting evidence, some choices necessarily represent my best judgment.

I prepared this volume between 1969 and 1982, usually in addition to other duties, as time permitted. Other Air Force historians also contributed significantly to the research and writing of this book: Harry R. Fletcher, Gerard E. Hasselwander, Donald D. Little, and Lieutenant Colonel Forrest B. Dowdy (an Air Force Reservist who performed his training at the Historical Research Center). Guidance for this work was provided by Maurer Maurer, James N. Eastman, Jr., Lloyd H. Ccnett, Jr., and R. Cargill Hall. Pauline Tubbs, Dorothy M. McCluskie, and Peggy C. Brown ably assisted in the editing and typing. I wish to extend special thanks to personnel in the Recognition Branch, Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, and to personnel of the Defense Audio Visual Agency, who went out of their way to furnish illustrations for the wing emblems.

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*The Historical Research Center has recently resumed preparation of this inventory semi-annually, under the title List of Active United States Air Force Organizations.
Explanatory Notes
(How to Use this Book)

The following notes explain how the information in this book is arranged, and the terms and format used in Air Force lineage and honors histories.

Heading. The heading comprises the numerical and functional designation of the wing as of 30 September 1977. Each combat wing appears in numerical order, and, when required, in alphabetical order under the number. (Three wings carry the number "1," two are numbered "301," and two are numbered "322").

Lineage. (See Appendix I.) The official USAF statement of lineage, or "genealogy," forms the foundation of the wing's history and governs the wing's inheritance of emblem and honors. The Air Force lineage system, described in Air Force Pamphlet 210-2, applies to Reserve organizations and the regular Air Force. (As noted earlier, the Air Force can no longer determine with certainty the lineage, history, and honors of ANG combat wings, and thus the Guard wings are not included in this volume.)

One peculiarity will be noticed in the lineage of some wings that appear in this book. In August 1947, the Air Force began a service test of what was called the "wing-base" plan. This test, conducted with 29 combat wings, proved the wing-base plan to the satisfaction of the Air Force. In 1948 the service discontinued all of the temporary service-test units and establishments and replaced them with new, permanent units and establishments with the same numerical and generally the same functional designations. Beginning in July 1948, the new wings replaced the discontinued wings; in most instances the permanent wings activated on the same day the temporary wings discontinued, but in a few cases the permanent wings activated a day or two before the discontinuance of the temporary wings. On the surface, these overlapping lineages appear erroneous; nevertheless, they conform to the orders of the time. Because the personnel, assignments, components, stations, facilities, equipment, and missions of the service-test wings passed completely to the new, permanent wings that replaced them, the Air Force has unofficially considered both variants of the wings to
be the same organization. But without an official consolidation directive, they remain separate establishments. In this book, the temporary and permanent wings are treated as single establishments.* The overlapping of dates in the lineage statement therefore carries over to other sections including assignments, components, stations, and commanders.

Assignments. Each of the wing's immediate higher "parent" organizations is listed chronologically. A single date indicates the date of assignment; where a double date appears, the second date indicates termination of assignment. A semicolon is used to show a change of assignment while the wing remained active; a period indicates the wing was disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. If the wing was attached for operational control to another organization, the attachment appears in parentheses, with brackets used to set off parenthetical elements within parentheses. Each attachment contains double dates.

Components. Tactical components assigned, or attached for operational control, to the wing are listed in hierarchical and numerical order. Each list shows only those components at the first subordinate echelon; the lists do not show subordinate squadrons of an assigned or attached group because these squadrons were not directly assigned to the wing. Of the tactical components, only the numerical designation appears if the functional designations (e.g., fighter, bombardment) were identical for both the component and wing. If the numerical designation of a component changed during its period(s) of assignment or attachment, the later designation is shown parenthetically. Example: 705th (later 962d). Support-type components (medical units, an air base or combat support group, maintenance squadrons, and other support squadrons and flights) are excluded.

A semicolon separating dates indicates a break in assignment or attachment. A comma indicates a change with no break in wing control. A squadron attached for a time and then assigned (with no break in wing control), for example, would be shown: attached 1 Jan–29 Jul 1952, assigned 30 Jul 1952–12 Jul 1957. Interrupted, attached service in a series would read: attached 12 Jul–10 Aug 1956, 17 Nov 1956–3 Jan 1957, 10 Jul–19 Aug 1957, and so forth, with commas separating the series entries. This same procedure is used to show detached status of wing components, when such detached periods are frequent.

Periods of detached service, when components are detached from wing control for duty with another organization, appear in parentheses. Likewise, components not operational for specific periods are shown in parentheses. In some cases the exact dates for detached service, or dates for those periods when a component was not operational, could not be determined with certainty. A *circa* (c.) date is used in these instances.

* A more detailed explanation of the pivotal wing-base service test appears in the introduction to this book.
Stations. Permanent locations of the wing headquarters are listed chronologically. The name of each base is the one in use at the time the wing arrived. With any changes appearing in parentheses. Some foreign nations that hosted wings are identified by their "popular" name, rather than their official name. Thus, the Republic of Korea appears as South Korea, the Republic of Vietnam as South Vietnam, and the Republic of China as either Formosa or Taiwan, depending upon the period. Wings located in the Federal Republic of Germany, or in occupied Germany prior to 1 September 1949, are listed as being in West Germany. A single date indicates the arrival of the wing at a base. Semicolons separate the station-and-date entries while the wing remained active, but changed stations. If a wing moved from one theater of operations to another, a double date is provided for the station being vacated. A double date is also provided whenever a wing arrived at a base and was subsequently disbanded, discontinued, or inactivated. A period at the end of a second date indicates disbandment, discontinuance, or inactivation.

Commanders. Wing commanders are listed chronologically, along with the highest rank attained during the command tenure. Commanders are shown for all periods when the wing was active. Between 1959 and 1968 the Air Force required two organizational actions (activate and organize) to place personnel in a wing headquarters (and in other units). During the time a wing was activated but not yet organized, the entry shows "None (not manned)," together with double dates, followed by a semicolon and the actual list of commanders. Whenever active wings were not manned at other times, the "None (not manned)" statement and double dates also appear. If for some reason a wing commander was at first temporarily and then permanently appointed, the commander's name may be followed by one date and a parenthetical "temporary," followed by a second date and a parenthetical "permanent."

Lists of commanders are as accurate as the sources permitted. Some wings kept excellent historical records; others kept poor records, or none at all. Commander lists, therefore, sometimes contain "unknown" as an entry, and in many of the commander lists, circa (c.), or some other indicator such as "by" this date, are to be found. A second date followed by a semicolon indicates a gap in the commander list. A second date followed by a period indicates the wing headquarters inactivated.

Aircraft/Missiles. The aircraft, aircraft and missiles, or missiles used by wing components assigned and attached for operational control appear in this section. In the missile category, only strategic or tactical surface-to-surface missiles are included. (Air-to-air, air-to-ground, or surface-to-air missiles are considered ordnance and are not included.) The section title accounts for the type(s) of weapon systems. Aircraft are listed by series and number (e.g., F-86 or EC-135), but not by model (e.g., B-52H or KC-135A). Missiles are listed by their popular names (e.g., Atlas, Titan I, Minuteman III). The years during which the wing possessed the weapon systems are also listed (e.g., RF-101, 1959-1965). Because many wings often possessed different

A wing often lost possession on a temporary basis of one or more of its weapon systems. This occurred, for example, when its tactical components were detached with all of the aircraft for duty elsewhere. Such temporary absences of a weapon system are shown by a comma. Example: B-52, 1957-1960, 1960-1962, 1963-1965; KC-135, 1956-1958, 1958-1960, 1960-1961, 1961-1965. In other words, for a time in 1960 and in 1962-1963, the wing had no B-52 aircraft for its own use, all being under the control of another organization. Likewise, for short periods in 1958, 1960, and in 1961, the wing did not control KC-135 aircraft.

Operations. Information in this section, though abbreviated, includes all combat and other significant operations, often with a discussion of the particular aspects of combat. Oversea deployments of the wing are mentioned, together with changes in wing status and its mission. Speed or distance records are frequently cited. For reasons of security classification, numerous significant wing operations during the decade 1967-1977 are excluded, or mentioned only briefly.

Readers who wish to know more about a wing's operations can visit the Historical Research Center to conduct research, or purchase through the mail microfilm copies of the unclassified wing histories.

Service Streamers. (See Appendix II.) Service streamers represent noncombat service in the various theaters of military operations. Those service streamers earned by a wing are listed here. (If a wing participated in combat operations in a theater, it earned a campaign streamer instead of a service streamer.)

Campaign Streamers. (See Appendix II.) The Historical Research Center evaluates and verifies unit combat credits. Verified combat credit entitles a unit to the appropriate campaign streamers representing the named campaigns in which a wing participated. Research often shows that a wing is entitled to campaign credits never awarded on orders, or has received improper campaign credit awarded in error. This official list of campaign streamers is based upon each wing's verified combat record.

Decorations. (See Appendix III.) Decorations include citations and awards recognizing distinguished or meritorious acts by the wing. In this list, the type of decoration is cited together with specific dates, if dates appeared in the award document. Erroneous dates were revised and corrected dates shown within brackets. For example, the dates stated in an order may cover a time before a wing was active or after it became inactive; indeed, an order may cite a date before
the wing even became engaged in the activity for which it received an award. Air Force Pamphlet 900-2, produced by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, contains the official listing of unit decorations, including wing decorations. The decorations listed in this volume generally agree with those appearing in the pamphlet, but some revisions have been made based on research into actual wing operations.

**Emblem.** For those wings holding an official emblem approved by Headquarters USAF (and most do possess emblems), the wording of the "blazon" is provided in its official heraldic language. Many wings have had two or more emblems in the 30 years covered by this book; the emblem in use on 30 September 1977 is the one included here. Headquarters USAF authorized a temporary history bestowal in 1954 that allowed combat wings to use, under certain circumstances, the history, honors, and emblem of the older combat group of the same number. Thus, many postwar combat wings use the same emblem that their like-numbered combat groups used in World War II.*

If the emblem included a crest, the crest is described. Any official motto is cited, and translated to English if necessary. Finally, the date Headquarters USAF approved the emblem is cited within parentheses. If a motto was approved separately, the date of approval is also shown.

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Introduction

Organizations known as "wings" have been used by the Air Force for many years. Indeed, in July 1918 the American Expeditionary Forces of the United States Army organized its first aircraft establishment higher than a group: the 1st Pursuit Wing. Although this wing did not survive demobilization after World War I, new wings were created in the 1920s and 1930s. During World War II numerous wings existed; some provided training in the United States, others controlled combat groups and support organizations overseas. Rapid demobilization after September 1945 meant that a new Air Force had to be built with the remnants of the wartime Army Air Forces.

The service test of a wing-base plan in 1947–1948 prompted an important change in the field structure and organization of the Air Force. Old-style World War II wings supervised a mixture of combat groups and support organizations. None of the subordinate organizations were permanently affiliated with the wings, or possessed similar numerical designations or standard functions. The wings organized for the service test featured standard functions. Each wing had a combat group, a maintenance and supply group, an airdrome group (to operate base facilities and services), and a station medical group, all with identical numerical designations. The 1947–1948 wing-base service test rendered more nearly uniform the functions of the wing elements, and permanently aligned, or affiliated, support units with the parent wings through similarity in numerical designations.

All of the Air Force wings involved in the postwar service test, whether manned by Table of Distribution (T/D) or Table of Organization (T/O) manning authority, were Air Force-controlled (AFCON) establishments.* The Air Force reserved the numbers 1 through 999 for these permanent organizations. In addition to the permanent AFCON wings that replaced the service-test organizations in 1948, USAF provided for temporary organizations to be controlled by major commands. The commands wanted a flexible organization at the lower echelons to permit the rapid adjustments in manning that short-term requirements often dictated. Because the manning of permanent T/O organizations was judged to be too rigid, in 1948 the Air Force created a new type of temporary organization, to be manned under T/D authorization.

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*The term "AFCON" applies to all those units under the direct control of Headquarters USAF for organizational actions. The term applies retroactively to the service-test wings.
For a time, the Air Force differentiated between its temporary and permanent organizations by calling the temporary ones "designated" or "T/D," while the permanent organizations were referred to as "constituted" or "T/O." The temporary major command-controlled organizations would eventually become identified as "MAJCON," with the permanent ones known as "AFCON." The new MAJCON organizations* would not have a continuous lineage or history. The commands would designate (i.e., give a number and functional designation), organize (later, activate), redesignate, and discontinue (later, inactivate) them as needed, using the four-digit numbers allotted to each command by Headquarters USAF.† When a temporary establishment or unit was discontinued (later, inactivated), its life ended, never to be revived. The number of this establishment or unit could then be reused to designate another, entirely new, temporary establishment or unit. Although the original intent was to provide major command flexibility in establishing and terminating short-lived, temporary organizations, some MAJCON organizations have now existed as long as their AFCON counterparts—well over 30 years.

Generally, postwar AFCON combat wings have had a double mission: train for and conduct combat operations (through the combat group and that group's combat squadrons), and operate a permanent installation (through assigned support components). AFCON organizations have two privileges not shared by MAJCON organizations. One of these is reincarnation with full lineage, history, and honors through reconstitution of units or reestablishment of establishments. AFCON organizations can also be consolidated with one or more separate AFCON organizations that existed at different times to form a single entity, with the lineage, history, and honors of all retained.

In 1952 many of the World War II combat group headquarters began to be phased out as more wings assumed direct control of the combat squadrons, particularly those assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and Air Defense Command (ADC). At this time, Air Force strength began to be calculated in wings instead of groups, and the service possessed 95 wings. By the end of Korean hostilities on 27 July 1953 the number of combat wings had increased to 106, in part achieved by ordering Reserve and Air National Guard organizations to active service. Although these additions to the regular Air Force served only a specified number of months, many of them were replaced at the termination of their active duty by newly-established wings of the regular Air Force. The elimination of combat groups and retention of wings soon raised a question about honors. The groups—all veterans of World War II combat operations—held collectively many

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*The term "MAJCON" applies to all those units under the direct control of major commands for organizational actions. Although the term did not exist in 1948, it applies retroactively to the temporary organizations of that period.

†The Air Force assigned blocks from the numbers 1000 through 9999 to the major commands for their use.
honors, while the postwar wings possessed few if any honors. Could not the World War II history and honors be assigned to the wings?

Both SAC and ADC wanted to retain the honors of these groups. In 1954 the two commands asked Headquarters USAF to assign these honors to the like-numbered postwar combat wings, thereby perpetuating the history and honors of the World War II groups. After study, Headquarters USAF decided to bestow the history and honors of combat groups on like-numbered combat wings. For example, the 9th Bombardment Wing, established after World War II, received by temporary bestowal the history of the 9th Bombardment Group, together with the campaign credits and decorations that had been earned by the group during World War II. In “bestowing” group history and honors on wings, USAF directives did not specify any conditions or limitations except to advise, in letters authorizing such bestowals, that these bestowals were temporary. In 1963 interested USAF agencies developed rules governing temporary bestowal (see Appendix V), but the act of assigning combat group history and honors to combat wings remains today probably the most misunderstood aspect of USAF lineage and honors.*

Although most of the wings included in this volume are authorized temporary use of the history, honors, and emblem of their aligned or affiliated combat group (the combat group having the same number in its designation as the wing), the group’s lineage and honors are not included here. Maurer’s *Air Force Combat Units of World War II* provides these details for the groups, at least through World War II and up to January 1956. In a few instances, however, we have used the emblem authorized the combat group if the combat wing possessed no later emblem of its own.

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*On 31 March 1982 the Department of the Air Force acted to eliminate some of the confusion in the temporarily bestowed histories, issuing MPM letter 422q that consolidated the 11th Strategic Group and the 11th Air Refueling Wing; the 307th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, the 307th Strategic Wing, and the 307th Air Refueling Group, Heavy; and the 340th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, and the 340th Air Refueling Group, Heavy. In each case, the group and wing(s) became a single organization. Two years later on 31 January 1984, Department of the Air Force letter 539q consolidated more World War II combat groups with their like-numbered postwar combat wings bearing the following numerical designations: 15th, 25th, 29th, 32d, 34th, 35th, 39th, 40th, 42d, 46th, 70th, 72d, 75th, 80th, 95th, 96th, 99th, 100th, 310th, 320th, 321st, 328th, 341st, 345th, 351st, 355th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 384th, 385th, 389th, 390th, 392d, 395th, 401st, 407th, 410th, 413th, 416th, 432d, 449th, 451st, 455th, 460th, 462d, 478th, 484th, 494th, 497th, 499th, 500th, 506th, and 508th Where a group or wing was active, the designation of the active establishment was retained. These consolidations virtually end USAF-bestowed history and honors, for few wings now remain that qualify for that program.*
Air Force Combat Wings
1st AIR BASE WING


Operations. Replaced 1001st Composite Wing, absorbing its personnel and resources, on 1 Jul 1969. Provided airborne and ground alert operations required for the support of a National Emergency Airborne Command Post (NEACP). Exercised command jurisdiction over Andrews AFB, Md, and over assigned elements. Supported tenant organizations at Andrews AFB. Provided flight management of mission support operations, including high priority airlift. Supported proficiency flying training of assigned and attached personnel, and for personnel of HQ USAF, HQ AFSC, and other organizations within the greater Washington, D.C., area. Furnished base support and services for transient aircraft, both domestic and foreign. Engaged in emergency airlift and search and rescue missions. Two composite squadrons inactivated on 30 Jun 1975, and the 1st AC&CS transferred on 1 Nov 1975, leaving only the CH-3s and UH-1s operated by the 1st Helicopter Squadron.
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The latter transferred on 1 Jul 1976. From then until inactivation on 30 Sep 1977 the wing operated, administered, and maintained Andrews AFB, providing logistical support for tenants. Replaced by 76th Air Base Group on 1 Oct 1977.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. On a shield per bend gules and azure, a conventional air base runway, throughout argent. Crest: On a wreath of the unit's colors (argent and azure), a quill or and a wrench gules in saltire, interlaced with a cogwell azure. (Approved on 22 Apr 1955 for 1401st Air Base Wing; used 1 Jul 1959–30 Sep 1977 by 1st Composite Wing.)

1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING


Assignments. Army Air Forces India-Burma Sector, 29 Mar 1944 (original unit assigned to 9 Aug 1944, establishment assigned thereafter); Tenth Air Force, 10 Jul 1945; Army Service Forces, 6 Oct–3 Nov 1945. USAF Special Air Warfare Center (later, USAF Special Operations Force), 27 Apr 1962; Tactical Air Command, 1 Jul 1974; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1976–.

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Stations. Hailakandi, India, 29 Mar 1944 (original unit); Asansol, India, 20 May 1944–6 Oct 1945 (original unit to 9 Aug 1944, establishment thereafter); Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–3 Nov 1945. Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field), Fla, 27 Apr 1962; England AFB, La, 15 Jan 1966; Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlburt Field, Fla, 15 Jul 1969–.


Operations. Replaced the 5318th Provisional Air Unit in India in Mar 1944. As a miscellaneous unit, the group was comprised until Sep 1944 of operational sections (rather than units): bomber; fighter; light-plane (and helicopter); transport; glider; and light-cargo. The group provided fighter cover, bomb striking power, and air transport services for Wingate's Raiders, fighting behind enemy lines in Burma. Operations included airdrop and landing of troops, food, and equipment; evacuation of casualties; and attacks against enemy airfields and lines of communication. Converted from P-51 to P-47 fighter and eliminated its B-25 bomber section in May 1944. In Sep 1944, after the original unit was consolidated with the headquarters component of the new establishment (also called 1st Air Commando Group), the sections were replaced by a troop carrier, two fighter, and three liaison squadrons. The group continued performing supply, evacuation, and liaison services for allied forces in Burma until the end of the war, including the movement of Chinese troops from Burma to China in Dec 1944. It also attacked bridges, railroads, airfields, barges, oil wells, and troop positions in Burma and escorted bombers to Burmese targets, including Rangoon. Switched back to P-51s in May 1945. Left Burma in Oct and inactivated in NJ in Nov 1945.

Replaced the 4400th Combat Crew Training Group in Apr 1962 and assumed air commando operations and training responsibility. Also assumed a detachment in South Vietnam from the prior group and continued training USAF and South Vietnamese Air Force aircrews in the United States and South Vietnam throughout the Southeast Asian conflict. The group (later, wing) maintained a quick reaction force and conducted specialized operations in unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency, psychological activities, and civic actions at trouble spots around the world by deploying mobile training teams, detachments, and components as required. Although Southeast Asia received the bulk of the unit's attention until 1973, air commando (later, special operations) personnel were active in Panama, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East at various times. Trained personnel of friendly states, sometimes in the United States and sometimes by deployed teams. States receiving training included Iran, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Mali, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Guatemala, the Re-

The group (wing) also worked closely with U.S. Army Special Forces, developed combat tactics for numerous types of aircraft, and conducted combat crew training for USAF and foreign aircrews. It participated in a number of tactical exercises, both at home and abroad, and occasionally participated in mercy missions and humanitarian operations. One such operation involved eradication of screwworm flies in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, requiring numerous missions in the early 1970s.

Between 11 Jan and 30 Jun 1974, the USAF Special Operations Force and 1st Special Operations Wing merged their operations, and on 1 Jul 1974, the wing—temporarily known as 834th Tactical Composite Wing—assumed responsibility for operating the USAF Special Operations School and the USAF Air Ground Operations School, the former training selected American and allied personnel in special operations, and the latter training personnel in concepts, doctrine, tactics, and procedures of joint and combined operations.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. India-Burma; Central Burma.


Emblem. Per fess azure and play of 13 gules and argent, in pale a sword point to base light blue, winged fesswise in chief of the like, the blade surmounted in base by a lamp or enflamed of the third and fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. Motto: ANY TIME, ANY PLACE. (Approved on 6 Jun 1963.)

1st TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Air Division [Defense], 20 Sep 1950–c. 6 Feb 1952. 30th Air Division (Defense, later, SAGE), 18 Oct 1956; Detroit Air Defense Sector, 1 Apr 1959; 34th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966; 23d Air Division, 1 Dec 1969; 26th Air Division, 3 Dec 1969; 836th Air Division, 1 Oct 1970; Ninth Air Force, 30 Jun 1971–.


1947–1977


**Service Streamers.** None

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Vert, five bendlets enhanced sable fimbriated or, as many crosses patee in bend debased three and two of the second fimbriated argent.

**Crest:** Upon a wreath of the colors (or and vert) upon a hurte wavy an arrow palewise reversed between two wings displayed conjoined in lure or. **Motto:** AUT VINCERE AUT MORI—Conquer or die. (Approved for 1st Group on 10 Feb 1924 and for 1st Wing on 22 May 1957.)

**2d BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY**


**Assignments.** Eighth Air Force, 5 Nov 1947–12 Jul 1948 (attached to 43d Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 17 Nov 1947–12 Jul 1948). Eighth Air Force, 12 Jul 1948 (attached to 43d Bombardment Wing, Medium, 12 Jul–31 Dec 1948); Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (attached to 7th Air Division, 4 May–31 Aug 1951); 38th Air Division, 10 Oct 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 10 Sep–4 Dec 1952; 5th Air
Division, 4 Aug–20 Sep 1954 and 6 Jul–26 Aug 1956); 6th Air Division, 1 Nov 1959; 823d Air Division, 1 Apr 1961; 4th Air Division, 1 Apr 1963; 19th Air Division, 1 Sep 1964; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1965; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969. 


Stations. Davis-Monthan Field (later, AFB), Ariz, 5 Nov 1947–12 Jul 1948. Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, 12 Jul 1948; Chatham AFB, Ga, 1 Apr 1949; Hunter Field (later, AFB), Ga, 22 Sep 1950; Barksdale AFB, La, 1 Apr 1963. 


and trained in global bombardment operations from Jan 1949. Added air refueling to mission in Dec 1950. Deployed at RAF Mildenhall, England, May-Aug 1951, RAF Upper Heyford, England, Sep-Dec 1952, and Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, Aug-Sep 1954 and Jul-Aug 1956. Converted to B-47 jet bombers in 1954. Service tested a “super wing” concept with 70 B-47s, Jul 1959–Apr 1961. Moved to Barksdale AFB, LA, on 1 Apr 1963, replacing 4238th Strategic Wing and absorbing that wing’s B-52 and KC-135 resources. Supported Second Air Force’s post attack command and control system, Apr 1963–Mar 1970. Conducted bombardment training and air refueling operations, Apr 1963 to date except for periods when all aircraft and crews were on loan to SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia. Began supporting SAC operations in Southeast Asia with aircraft and personnel in 1965, and increasingly supported these operations in 1966 and 1967. On 15 Apr 1968, gained a second B-52 and a second KC-135 squadron, again becoming a SAC “super” wing. From late May 1972 until 26 Oct 1973, all wing B-52 resources loaned to SAC organizations in the Far East and Southeast Asia; from May 1972 to early Nov 1972, all but four of the wing’s KC-135s and a few aircrews loaned to other SAC units. After the return of combat resources, the wing continued supporting SAC operations in Southeast Asia into 1975, on a reduced scale.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Nov 1956–1 Apr 1957.

Emblem. Or, in fess four aerial bombs dropping bend sinisterwise azure, on an Air Force shield, paly of five, vert and sable, a fleur-de-lis argent. Motto: LIBERTATEM DEFENDIM US—Liberty we defend. (Approved on 25 Apr 1966.)

3d TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Assignments. 314th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 41st Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; Fifth Air Force, 1 Feb 1957; 41st Air Division, 10 Nov 1958; Twelfth Air Force, 8 Jan 1964 (attached to 4481st Air Division, Provisional, 8 Jan–30 Jun 1964); 834th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964; 2d Air Division, 8 Nov 1965; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966; Fifth Air Force, 15 Mar 1971; 314th Air Division, 15 Mar 1971; Thirteenth Air Force, 16 Sep 1974–.


**Stations.** Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950; Yokota AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950; Iwakuni AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 22 Aug 1951; Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954; Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Nov 1960–Jan 1964; England AFB, La, 8 Jan 1964; Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1971; Clark AB, Philippines, 16 Sep 1974–.

**Commanders.** Col James R. Gunn, Jr., 18 Aug 1948; Col Gerry L. Mason, 16 Jun 1949; Lt Col Wilmer A. Hardesty, 17 Jun 1949; Col Robert W. Witty, 24 Jun 1949; Col Lawrence C. Coddington, 1 Apr 1950; Col Thomas B. Hall, c. Jun 1950; Col Strother B. Hardwick, Jr., c. Jul 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 14 Aug 1950; Col Donald L. Clark, 23 Aug 1950; Col Virgil L. Zoller, 1 Dec 1950; Col Nils O. Ohman, 24 Jul 1951; Col Marshall R. Gray, 4 Mar 1952; Col Eugene B. LeBailly, 14...
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Operations. Trained as a bombardment and reconnaissance wing prior to Korean war. Combat in Korea, 1–19 Jul 1950. Tactical units operated under wing control from Iwakuni AB, Japan, 1–19 Jul 1950. On 20 Jul 1950 the tactical group and its squadrons served under operational control of another organization. The wing assumed a supporting role, initially from Johnson AB, Japan, but later from Yokota AB, Japan. Wing returned to Iwakuni AB on 1 Dec 1950, regaining control of its tactical units, performing combat in Korea. Moved to South Korea in Aug 1951. After Korean war, wing participated successively in bombardment, air defense, reconnaissance, and air refueling training (its headquarters being non-operational 1 Sep 1963 to 8 Jan 1964).

Moved to the United States without personnel or equipment in Jan 1964, then trained and rotated its squadrons in detached status to Southeast Asia for combat duty. Moved to South Vietnam in Nov 1965 and took an active combat role until 31 Oct 1970. During this time, wing also participated in combat evaluation of F–5 and F–37 aircraft. Unmanned and unequipped on 31 Oct 1970, the wing remained active in a "paper" status until it moved without personnel or equipment to South Korea on 15 Mar 1971. Manned and equipped in South Korea with F–4 aircraft, and underwent numerous organizational changes. In Sep 1974, moved without personnel or equipment to Clark AB,
Philippines, replacing 405th Fighter Wing. Participated in frequent operational exercises and evaluations. Between 5 Apr and 31 May 1975, wing used its facilities as a staging area for Operations Baby Lift (evacuation of Vietnamese orphans from South Vietnam to the United States) and New Life (evacuation of Vietnamese adults to the United States for resettlement). T-38 fighter training operations began in Jan 1976.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. UN Defensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953; Vietnam Defense; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.


Emblem. Party per bend vert and sable in chief a cactus (prickly pear) or, a bend azure fimbriated of the third, all within a bordure argent charged with 19 crosses patee of the second. (Approved for 3d Group on 17 Jan 1922 and for 3d Wing on 22 Dec 1952.)

4th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 15 Aug 1947–1 Aug 1948 Strategic Air Command, 1 Aug 1948; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1948 (attached to First Air Force, 15 Jan–22 Feb 1949); Ninth Air Force, 23 Feb 1949 (attached to Eastern Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949–); further attached to 26th Air Division [Defense], 20 Feb 1950–); First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950 (remained attached to Eastern Air Defense Force and further attached to 26th Air Divi-
1947–1977


Stations. Andrews Field (later, AFB), Md, 15 Aug 1947–1 Aug 1948. Andrews AFB, Md, 1 Aug 1948; Langley AFB, Va, 26 Apr 1949; New Castle County Aprt, Del, 8 Sep–19 Nov 1950; Johnson AB, Japan, 28 Nov 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 7 May 1951; Kimpo AB, South Korea, 23 Aug 1951; Chitose AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954–8 Dec 1957; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 8 Dec 1957–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Azure on a bend or, a spear garnished with three eagle feathers and shaft flammant to base all proper. Crest: On a wreath of the colors (or and azure) a lion's face or. Motto: FOURTH BUT FIRST. (Approved for 4th Group on 26 Sep 1949 and for 4th Wing on 7 Oct 1952.)

5th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY

Lineage. Established as 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 1 Jul 1949. Activated on 16 Jul 1949. Redesignated: 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing,
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Heavy, on 14 Nov 1950; 5th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Oct 1955.

Assignments. 311th Air Division, 16 Jul 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949 (attached to 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 12 Nov 1949); Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (remained attached to 9th Bombardment Wing, Heavy [later, 9th Bombardment Wing, Medium] to 10 Feb 1951); 14th Air (later, 14th Strategic Aerospace Division), 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 3d Air Division, 14 Jan–12 Apr 1955); 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Jul 1968; 47th Air Division. 30 Jun 1971; Fifteenth Air Force, 30 Nov 1972 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 810th, 30 Nov 1972–14 Jan 1973); 47th Air Division, 15 Jan 1973; 57th Air Division, 22 Jan 1975–.


Stations. Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, 16 Jul 1949; Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, Calif, 2 Nov 1949; Minot AFB, ND, 25 Jul 1968–.


Operations. Performed long-range strategic reconnaissance, Jul 1949–Oct 1953, with some limited reconnaissance to Sep 1958. Fully integrated with 9th Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 9th Bombardment) Wing, 12 Nov 1949–10 Feb 1951; maintained a manned headquarters, but had no operational control over assigned units, and from 1 Feb 1950 to 10 Feb 1951 shared a commander in common with the 9th Wing. Began maintaining proficiency in strategic bombardment in Jul 1953. but was not redesignated as a bombardment wing until Oct 1955. Added air refuel-
ing to other missions in Dec 1959. Flown down at Travis AFB, Calif, in 1968 and moved without personnel or equipment to Minot AFB, ND, absorbing sources of the 450th Bombardment Wing, Heavy. Continued global strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations, including loan of KC-135 aircraft and crews and B-52 crews to SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1968-1975. Supported the post attack command and control system (PACCS), Jul 1968-Dec 1969.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decoration. None.

Emblem. Pady per pale nebuly argent and sable a death’s head argent, winged or. Crest: On a wreath of the colors (argent and vert), a bull’s head cabossed or and armed or. Motto: KIAI G KA LEWA—Guardians of the upper regions. (Approved for 5th Group on 21 Jun 1924 and for 5th Wing on 12 Aug 1954.)

6th STRATEGIC WING


Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 2 Jan 1951; 47th Air (later, 47th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 3d Air Division, 31 Oct 1955-26 Jan 1956); 22d Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1963; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 18th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Mar 1967; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 30 Jun 1971; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976–.


Stations. Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951; Eielson AFB, Alaska, 25 Mar 1957–.

Commanders. Col Thomas S. Jeffrey, Jr, 2 Jan 1951; Col William K. Martin, 15 Jan 1951; Col Glen W. Martin, 20 May 1955; Col Everett W. Best, 21 Sep 1956; Col Daniel V. Mac Donald, 3 Jun 1957; Lt Col Lewis R. Riley, 15 Aug 1957; Col Edwin C. Evans, 16 Sep 1958–.
1947–1977


Operations. Conducted strategic bombardment training from activation in 1951 until 1 Sep 1959, with air refueling as additional mission; in 1951–1952, and again from Apr 1958. Deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam, Oct 1955–Jan 1956. Two bombardment squadrons (24th and 30th) joined the 4129th CCTS in Sep 1959, training B–52 and KC–135 crews, while the 40th Bombardment Squadron continued flying operational missions until 10 Jun 1960. From 10 Jun 1960 to 1 Dec 1961 the wing flew about a few operational missions in a non-combat ready status. A missile squadron joined the wing’s resources in Sep 1961. The 40th Squadron returned to operational status on 1 Dec 1961 and on 5 Sep 1963 the other two bomb squadrons also regained tactical status. The 39th discontinued a few days later, but the 24th and 40th Squadrons continued global bombardment training through Dec 1966, when they phased down for inactivation. The missile squadron phased out its Atlas operations in Feb 1965 and inactivated a month later. On 25 Mar 1967 the wing moved without personnel or equipment to Eielson AFB, Alaska, where it replaced the 4157th Strategic Wing and assumed resources and missions of that wing. In Alaska, the wing flew KC–135 strategic reconnaissance missions with an assigned squadron, and KC–135 air refueling missions with aircraft deployed to Eielson from other SAC wings. From Apr 1968 to Jul 1972 the wing periodically served as the airborne monitor of the Alaskan ballistic missile early warning station. The wing maintained a detachment at Shemya AFS, in the Aleutians, and operated from that base except for the periods Feb–May 1975 and Jun–Sep 1976, when the base closed for the repair of earthquake damage.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per fess debased or and azure issuant against the rays of the setting sun, a full rigged ship (black hull and white sails) in the Gaillard Cut (light and dark green), in chief a biplane (black) diving bend sinisterwise al竣, proper. Crest: On a wreath of the colors (or and azure) a pirate’s head and shoulders tattooed on the chest with skull and bones proper, garbed and coifed or and sable. Motto: PRATI DEFENDERE—Ready to defend. (Approved on 22 Jan 1924 for 6th Group [Composite]; used since 1951 by 6th Wing.)
7th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Stations. Fort Worth AAFId (later, Griffiss AFB; Carswell AFB), Texas, 17 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Carswell AFB, Texas, 1 Aug 1948–.

E. Blais, 9 Aug 1974; Col Edward L. Todd, 31 Jan 1977–.

**Operations.** Trained with B-29s in global bombardment operations, Nov 1947–Jul 1948 and Aug–Dec 1948. Began converting to B-36 bombers in Jun 1948. Controlled two B-36 groups, Dec 1948–Feb 1951. Three B-36 squadrons, Feb 1951–May 1958. The wing gained the assets of a second B-52 squadron from another wing in Jun 1965, giving it a bomber capability again. From Jun 1965 until Jun 1968 the wing operated with two B-52 squadrons. All B-52 resources deployed to the Pacific area by 1 Aug 1965, along with most of the wing’s remaining support personnel, leaving the 7th Wing as a small non-flying cadre to operate Carwell AFB, Texas. Wing headquarters remained non-operational to c. 1 Dec 1965, when B-52/KC-135 resources began returning. The wing continued to support SAC operations in Southeast Asia through the remainder of the conflict and into 1975, but on a reduced scale except for the period c. 1 Sep 1969–c. 28 Mar 1970, when most wing resources were required overseas and only a small cadre remained at home. The wing again became a two B-52 squadron wing on 31 Dec 1971. In addition to its other activities the wing conducted B-52D consolidated training for SAC, 1 May 1972–c. 15 Dec 1972 and 5 Jan–15 Dec 1973. By mid-1973 most wing KC-135 resources had redeployed, and c.c. B-52 resources returned by Jan 1974. The wing resumed nuclear alert status on 3 Jan 1974. From 4 Dec 1973 to May 1975 the wing conducted B-52D replacement training, and from Jan 1974 also conducted B-52D combat crew training, i.e., providing B-52 flight training to novice crews. Beginning in Jun 1974 the wing also conducted B-52 and KC-135 Central Flight Instructors’ courses.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Eagle.** On a shield or, an eagle preying sable, markings argent, feet and beak or, grasping with its talons a bomb proper, in base an escutcheon, charged with the arms of the 7th Bombardment Group; azure, on a bend or three crosses pattée sable. **Metto:** MORS AB ALTO—Death from above. (Approved on 12 Sep 1952.)
8th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Assignments. 315th Air Division, 18 Aug 1948; Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1950; 43d Air Division, 1 Mar 1955; Fifth Air Force, 1 Feb 1957; 41st Air Division, 10 Nov 1958: Fifth Air Force, 1 Jun 1962; Pacific Air Forces, 18 Jun 1964; Tactical Air Command, 8 Jul 1964; 831st Air Division, 10 Jul 1964; Thirteenth Air Division, 23 Jul 1964-6 Dec 1965 (attached to 2d Air Division, 8 Dec 1965-31 Mar 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-15 Sep 1974); 314th Air Division, 16 Sep 1974--.


Stations. Ashiya Afl'd, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Itazuke Afl'd, Japan, 25 Mar 1940; Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Seoul AB, South Korea, 9 Dec 1950; Itazuke AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950;
Kimpo AB, South Korea, 25 Jun 1951; Suwon AB, South Korea, 23 Aug 1951; Itazuke AB, Japan, 20 Oct 1954–10 Jul 1964 (deployed at Kunsan AB, South Korea, 14–22 Oct 1955); George AFB, Calif, 10 Jul 1964–c. 6 Dec 1965; Ubon Afd, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965–16 Sep 1974; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974–.


**Operations.** Air defense in Japan, Aug 1948–Jun 1950. Combat operations in Korea, Jun 1950–Jul 1953, at times operating from bases in North and South Korea and at other times from bases in Japan. Air defense in South Korea, Jul 1953–Oct 1954. Air defense in Japan, and maintenance of a quick reaction strike force, Oct 1954–May 1964. Tacticl squadrons detached on 13 May 1964, and on 18 Jun 1964 all wing components except wing headquarters inactivated. The wing moved without personnel or equipment to Calif, absorbing resources of the 32d TFW. For the next year the wing trained with F-4 aircraft and participated in numerous exercises, operational readiness inspections, and the like. Moved to Thailand in Dec 1965 and commenced combat operations. Operations included bombardment, ground support, air defense, interdiction, and armed reconnaissance. Numerous enemy aircraft fell prey to wing components and wing became known as the “MiG Killer.” In the latter stages of the Southeast Asian conflict the wing’s mission shifted away from combat air patrol as new types of aircraft became part of the wing’s force, and in this
stage of the war the wing gained fame as the "Bridge Busters." During its final years of combat the wing used B-57s for night attacks, AC-130 gunships for ground support and armed reconnaissance, and F-4s for fast-forward air control, interdiction, escort, armed reconnaissance, and other special missions. After North Vietnam invaded the Republic of Vietnam in Mar 1972 the 8th Wing was augmented by additional F-4 units from the United States. To make room for these forces the B-57 squadron became non-operational and moved to the Philippines. The wing continued combat in Vietnam until mid-Jan 1973, in Laos until 22 Feb 1973, and in Cambodia until 15 Aug 1973. F-4 augmentation forces were released in Sep 1973. In mid-1974 action began to phase down Ubon AFB, Thailand, and the wing began to lose personnel, aircraft, and units. The last scheduled F-4 training flight occurred on 16 Jul 1974, and on 16 Sep the wing and most of its components moved without personnel or equipment to Kunsan AB, South Korea, where the wing absorbed resources of the 3d TFW that had moved without personnel or equipment to the Philippines. At Kunsan, the wing became responsible for air defense of South Korea and other operational commitments. In Apr 1975 the wing gained an air base squadron at Kwang Ju, often used during numerous tactical exercises. Following the killing of two U.S. Army officers by North Koreans on 18 Aug 1976, the 8th TFW went on increased alert and was quickly augmented by F-4s from the 12th and 67th Squadrons at Kadena AB, Okinawa. The alert status relaxed on 8 Sep 1976 and the augmentation forces were released.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953; Vietnam Defense; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive; Phase III; Vietnam Air/ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


**Emblem.** Azure, a chevron nebule or.  
**Crest:** On a wreath of the colors (or and azure) three fleur-de-lis or, in front of a propeller fesswise azure.  
**Motto:** AT-TAQUEZ ET CONQUIEREZ—Attack and conquer. (Approved for 8th Group on 6 Sep 1934 and for 8th Wing on 3 Jul 1952.)
9th STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING

Lineage. Established as 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Apr 1949. Activated on 1 May 1949. Redesignated: 9th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1950; 9th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 2 Oct 1950; 9th Strategic Aerospace Wing on 1 Apr 1962; 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Jun 1966.

Assignments. 311th Air Division, 1 May 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; 14th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 May 1953 (attached to 7th Air Division, 23 May—11 Jul 1955; 3d Air Division, 3–22 Oct 1955 and 1 Oct 1957–c. 10 Jan 1958); 813th Air (later, 813th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 15 Jul 1959; 14th Strategic Aerospace (later, 14th Air) Division, 25 Jun 1966–.


Stations. Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, Calif, 1 May 1949; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, 1 May 1953; Beale AFB, Calif, 25 Jun 1966–.

COMBAT WINGS

Storrie, 30 Jun 1975; Col Lyman M. Kidder, 30 Sep 1977–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per pale vert and sable a pallet wavy argent fimbriated or, over all on a fess or four crosses patee of the second (sable). Crest: On a wreath of the colors (argent and vert) a rattlesnake entwined about a prickly pear cactus all proper. Motto: SEMPER PARATUS—Always ready. (Approved for 9th Group on 20 Mar 1924 and for 9th Wing on 1 Jul 1952.)

10th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Azure a sphere or, latitude and longitude lines sable, in chief the head and arms of the Greek mythical god Argus, head facing base, arms fesswise both hands toward dexter of the second, outlined of the field. Motto: ARGUS—Ceaseless watch. (Approved for 10th Group on 29 Dec 1942 and for 10th Wing on 28 Jun 1954.)
COMBAT WINGS

11th AIR REFUELING WING


**Assignments.** 19th Air Division, 16 Feb 1951 (attached to 5th Air Division, 4 May–2 Jul 1955); Second Air Force, 13 Dec 1957; 816th Air (later, 816th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Jul 1958; 819th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966–25 Mar 1969.


**Stations.** Carswell AFB, Texas, 16 Feb 1951; Altus AFB, Okla, 13 Dec 1957–25 Mar 1969.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Azure, on a bend or, three grey geese volant proper. **Crest:** On a wreath or and azure a grey goose proper with wings displayed and inverted. **Motto:** PROGRESSIO SINE TIMORE AUT PRAEJUDICIO—Progress without fear or prejudice. (Approved for
1947–1977

11th Group on 11 Jun 1941 and for 11th Wing on 3 Aug 1956.)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING


Commanders. Capt James M. Ross, 1 Nov 1950; Col Cy Wilson, 20 Nov 1950; Col Charles A. Gayle, 1 Apr 1952; Col Richard O. Hunziker, 4 Aug 1952; Col Howard G. Cook, 23 Apr 27


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Defense; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI, Commando Hunt VII.

Emblem. Azure, a sword point to base; hilt flamant proper; a bordure gyronny of twelve of the second and first, fimbriated of the second. Motto: SPIRITUS CMNIA VINCET—The spirit conquers all. (Approved for 12th Group on 3 Feb 1942 and, slightly modified, for 12th Wing on 15 Mar 1963.)

14th FLYING TRAINING WING


James S. Creedon, c. 18 Jul 1973; Col Horace W. Miller, 8 Mar 1976—.


**Operations.** Provided air defense for the northeastern United States, 1947–1948, and 1948–1949. Performed combat operations in Southeast Asia, Mar 1966–Sep 1971, operating from numerous locations in South Vietnam and Thailand. Operations included close and direct air support, interdiction, combat airlift, aerial resupply, visual and photographic reconnaissance, unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency operations, psychological warfare (including leaflet dropping and aerial broadcasting), forward air control operations and FAC escort, search and rescue, escort for convoy and defoliation operations, flare drops, civic actions, and humanitarian actions. The wing also operated Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam, Mar 1966–Oct 1969, and provided maintenance support to a number of tenants. Trained South Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) personnel in AC—119 operations and maintenance, Feb–Aug 1971, and transferred some of its AC—119s to the VNAF, Aug–Sep 1971 as part of a phase-down for inactivation. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3650th Pilot Training Wing in Jun 1972 at Columbus AFB, Miss, and assumed an undergraduate pilot training program, plus base operation and maintenance.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer—Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter—Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.


**Emblem.** Azure, in chief an esquire per bend argent and sable over two laurel branches in saltire or, above in bend two flight symbols ascending, one argent surmounting one gules, encircled by five mullets, one in sinister chief and four in dexter base; all within a diminished bordure or. **Motto:** DAY AND NIGHT—PEACE AND WAR. (Approved on 19 Jun 1967.)

**15th AIR BASE WING**

1947–1977

vated on 1 Nov 1971.


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other island groups in the Central and South Pacific Ocean. Provided base support for Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) and tenant organizations. Its 15th Operations Squadron provided special air transport in VC-118s for CINCPAC, CINCPACAF, Coramander in Chief, USARPAC, and for the Commander, Hawaiian Air National Guard, and provided full flight and operational services for visitors and special groups. The 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron assigned to the 15th Wing, provided airborne command and control support for the Commander in Chief Pacific, Nov 1971–.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

17th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Stations. Pusan-East AB, South Koree, 10 May 1952; Miho AB, Japan, 10 Oct 1954–20 Mar 1955; Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field No. 9 (Hurlbut Field), Fla, 1 Apr 1955–25 Jun 1958. Wright-Patterson AFE, Ohio, 1 Feb
1947–1977


Operations. Replaced 452d Bombardment Wing, Light, in South Korea in May 1952. Conducted combat operations in Korea, 10 May 1952–27 Jul 1953. Operations included light bombardment, interdiction, and armed reconnaissance. Afterwards, maintained operational proficiency for light bombardment in Japan until moved to the United States, then trained to maintain tactical proficiency under TAC until inactivation. Replaced 1643d Strategic Wing in Feb 1963 and trained to maintain proficiency in strategic bombardment and aerial refueling on a global basis. Furnished B–52 aircrews and KC–135 aircraft and crews to SAC units involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, 1965–1975. Taken off alert at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, on 30 Jun 1975 and phased down, transferring aircraft by 7 Jul. Moved without personnel or equipment to Beale AFB, Calif, and absorbed resources of the 456th Bombardment Wing, including B–52G and KC–135Q aircraft. Continued global strategic bombardment alert to 30 Jun 1976 and used tanker aircraft primarily to refuel SR–71s of the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1976 and replaced by 100th Air Refueling Wing.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Or, seven crosses patee in pale sable Crest: On a wreath of the colors (or and sable) a griffin rampant of the first, beaked, forelegged and winged of the second, and lamed gules. Motto: TOUJOURS AU DANGER—Ever into danger. (Approved for 17th Group on 2 Nov 1937 and for 17th Wing on 27 May 1952.)

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18th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Stations. Clark AFB, Philippine Islands, 14 Aug 1948; Pusan AB South Korea, 1 Dec 1950; P'yongyang East, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Suwon AB, South Korea, 4 Dec 1950; Chinhae, .
1947–1977

South Korea, 10 Dec 1950; Osan-ni, South Korea, 26 Dec 1952; Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 1 Nov 1954—


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Or, a fighting cock with wings displayed sable, wattled and combed gules. Crest: On a wreath or and sable two wings conjoined and displayed tenné. Motto: UNGUIBUS ET ROSTRA—With talons and beak. (Approved for 18th Group on 21 Feb 1931 and for 18th Wing on 17 Apr 1953.)

19th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Twentieth Air Force, 17 Aug 1948; Far East Air Forces, 16 May 1949; Twentieth Air Force, 17 Oct 1949 (attached to Far East Air Forces Bomber Command, Provisional, 1 Jun 1953–c. 28 May 1954); Second Air Force, 11 Jun 1954 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 813th, 11 Jun–14 Jul 1954); 813th Air Division, 15 Jul 1954 (attached to 5th Air Division, 7 Jan–11 Apr 1956); 823d Air Division, 1 Jun 1956 (attached to 5th Air Division, 8 May–7 Jul 1957); 57th Air Division, 25 Jul 1968; 823d Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42d Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–.


Commanders. Lt Col Clarence G. Poff, 17 Aug 1948; Col Robert V. Deshazo, 24 Sep 1948; Maj Gen Alvan C. Kincaid, 16 May 1949; Brig Gen Alfred


**Operations.** Formed in Aug 1948 from resources of the former North Guam Air Force Base Command (Provisional). Operated North Guam (later, Andersen) AFB, Guam, and maintained proficiency in B–29s. When HQ Twentieth Air Force moved from Guam to Okinawa in May 1949, the former staff of that organization joined the HQ 19th Bombardment Wing. At the same time the wing assumed responsibility for administering two active and one semi-active bases plus an assortment of communications, weather, radar, rescue, and other facilities and units including the Marianas Air Materiel Area, a wing-size unit. Many of the units and facilities inactivated within a few months, and when the 19th Wing became subordinate to Twentieth Air Force again in Oct 1949, most of the remaining attached units in the Marianas and Bonin Islands transferred to other organizations. From 17 Oct 1949 to 28 Jun 1950 the wing continued B–29 training, operation of Andersen AFB, and some rescue and reconnaissance missions. When the Korean war broke out, the 19th Bombardment Group was immediately detached from wing control and operated from Kadena AB, Okinawa. The wing, meanwhile, remained at Andersen AFB in an administrative and logistical capacity, operating ammunition dumps and providing maintenance to transient aircraft. On 1 Jun 1953 the wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to Kadena and absorbed personnel and equipment of the inactivated 19th Bombardment Group. Through 27 Jul 1953 the wing flew 281 B–29 combat sorties (23 missions) in Korea. After hostilities concluded, the wing continued B–29 training, using SAC procedures and techniques. The wing moved to Fla in May–Jun 1954, turning in its B–29s at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, en route to its new base. Began receiving B–47s later in 1954, and gained a KC–97 air refueling unit early in 1955. The entire wing deployed at Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, Jan–Apr 1956, and at Ben Guerir AB, Mo-
rocco, May–Jul 1957. From Jul 1957 to Apr 1961 the wing maintained a portion of its tactical resources on overseas alert. The wing operated Homestead AFB, Fla, 9 Jan 1961–2 Jul 1968. Converted to B–52 and KC–135 aircraft in 1961–1962. Won the Fairchild Trophy in the SAC bombing and navigation competition of 1966. The wing moved without personnel or equipment to Robins AFB, Ga, on 25 Jul 1968 and absorbed resources of the former 465th Bombardment Wing. Furnished B–52/KC–135 aircraft and crews to other SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia, and in Jul 1972 the wing no longer was capable of operations because all aircraft and most crews as well as support personnel were loaned to other SAC organizations. Late in 1972 the wing headquarters reduced to a small housekeeping unit because of personnel deployments. Some KC–135 aircraft and crews began returning to wing control in late Mar 1973, but B–52s and their crews did not return to wing control until 28 Oct 1973. Normal operations resumed in Nov 1973.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Korea Summer–Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Azure, within the square of the constellation of Pegasus, a winged sword, point to base, all or. Crest: On a wreath of the colors (or and azure) an osprey guardant, rising, wings elevated and addorsed proper. Motto: IN ALIS VINCIMUS—On wings we conquer.

(Approved for 19th Group on 19 Oct 1936 and for 19th Wing on 9 May 1952.)

20th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per fess azure and gules, a fess nebule or. Crest: On a wreath of the colors (or and azure) a sun in splendor.
proper, radiating from the center there- of thirteen darts gules. Motto: VICTORY BY VALOR. (Approved on 18 Dec 1934 for 20th Group and on 31 Oct 1951 for 20th Wing.)

21st COMPOSITE WING


1947–1977


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure, a broad sword argent, shaded silver, hilt and pommel or, shaded yellow, outlined of the field, between four red lightning streaks proper, two and two, bendwise. Motto: FORTITUDO ET PRE- 

PARATIO—Strength and preparedness. (Approved on 23 Jul 1957.)

22d BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Aug 1948 (attached to 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, 1 Aug 1948–9 May 1949; 1st Fighter Wing, 10 May–30 Jun 1949); 12th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 5 Sep–4 Dec 1951 and 7 Dec 1953–5 Mar 1954; 3d Air Division, 1 Apr–5 Jul 1957); 47th Air (later, 47th Strategic Aerospace; 47th Air) Division, 1 Jan 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 31 Mar 1970; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 12th Strategic Missile (later, 12th Air) Division, 1 Aug 1972–.


**Operations.** From 1 Aug 1948 to 9 May 1949, while based at Smoky Hill AFB, Calif, shared a commander in common with the 301st Bombardment Wing. The 22d Wing’s headquarters was at the time non-operational and its components detached. From 10 May 1949 to 16 Feb 1950, after moving to March AFB, Calif, shared a commander in common with the 1st Fighter Wing. Until 30 Jun 1949 the 22d Wing was non-operational, attached to the 1st Wing, but on 1 Jul 1949 the 22d was made operational and assumed host status, with the 1st Wing attached to it for
control until 1 Apr 1950. The 22d Bombardment Group was detached from 14 Nov 1949 to 20 Feb 1950, during which time the wing controlled only the attached fighters of the 1st Wing. The bomb group was detached again for combat in Korea, 4 Jul-c. 31 Oct 1950, and during this period the wing controlled no aircraft. When operational, the wing trained to maintain proficiency in global strategic bombardment, adding air refueling to its mission in 1952. The wing deployed at Mildenhall RAF Station, England, Sep–Dec 1951, and at Upper Heyford RAF Station, England, Dec 1953–Mar 1954. From Apr to Jul 1957 it deployed at Andersen AFB, Guam. The wing was not tactically operational, 11 Mar–15 Sep 1963, while converting to B–52 bombers and KC–135 tankers. Supported Fifteenth Air Force’s post attack command and control system with EC–135s, Sep 1964–Mar 1970. The 22d was a “super” wing, 1966–1971, with two bombardment and two tanker squadrons. From 10 Mar to c. 1 Oct 1967 the wing was reduced to a small “rear echelon” non-tactical organization with all tactical resources and most support resources loaned to SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia. The wing continued to support SAC operations in the Far East and Southeast Asia through 1975, and from 10 Apr 1972 to 29 Oct 1973 again had all of its bomber resources loaned to other organizations for combat and contingency operations. KC–135 resources were also on loan from 10 Apr to Sep 1972; afterwards a few tankers returned to wing control. The wing resumed bomber alert in Dec 1973.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, a cougar’s left gamb erased palewise, claws to base or armed gules. Motto: DUCEMUS—We lead. (Approved for 22d Group on 19 Jun 1941 and for 22d Wing on 28 Jun 1951.)

23d TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure over a bolt of lightning, in pale, or, a flying tiger.
proper, tongue red, winged argent; all outlines black; a diminutive bordure silver-grey. **Motto:** FLYING TIGERS - GENTLE PAWS - SHARP CLAWS. (Emblem approved for 23d Fighter Group on 24 Jan 1957 and used by 23d TFW since Jan 1964. Motto approved on 1 May 1979.)

**24th COMPOSITE WING**


**Operations.** Served in the defense of Iceland, Dec 1942–Jun 1944. From Aug 1946 until replaced by the Antilles Air Division in Jul 1948, supervised large numbers of major and minor bases and Air Force units in the Caribbean area from Puerto Rico to British Guiana. Organized once more in Nov 1967 in the Canal Zone, replacing the 570th Air Base Wing. The wing assumed operation and maintenance responsibilities for Howard and Albrook Air Force Bases and a special operations mission which included air transport, paramilitary operations, exercise participation, civic actions in Central and South America, search and rescue missions, humanitarian operations, mercy missions, aeromedical evacuation, and support of Army Special Forces, U.S. military assistance units, and training of Latin American air forces. From activation in 1967 until mid-1972, the 24th Wing operated the USAF Tropic Survival School at Albrook. It controlled rotational C-130 detachments from TAC, Nov 1967–Sep 1977, rotational A-7D detachments from TAC, Nov 1972–, and rotational UC-123 detachments from the Air Force Reserve, Apr 1973–Dec 1975.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Air Combat, EAME Theater.


**Emblem.** Azure, above an arched olive branch to dexter and in an arched lightning flash to sinister conjoined in base, a pellet fimbriated argent and charged with a torch enflamed and a sword issuant saltire of the like, all within a diminished bordure of the last. *Motto:* LOS PROFESIONALES—The professionals. (Approved in 1968.)

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**25th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING**

**Lineage.** Established as 25th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, and activated,


**Commanders.** None (not manned), 24–30 Sep 1965; Col Jack N. Fancher, 1 Oct 1965; Col Clayton L. Peterson, 6 Oct 1965; Col Jack N. Fancher, 1 Jul–15 Oct 1966.


**Operations.** Maintained proficiency in night and day photographic and day visual reconnaissance and electronic warfare techniques. Furnished aircraft and aircrews for reconnaissance in Southeast Asia.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** None.

**Emblem.** Azure, issuing out of sinister side and arm embowed grasping a trident bend sinisterwise prongs to base on and over the junction of the shaft and prongs a compass rose of the first on a background of the second. **Motto:** GUARD WITH POWER. (Approved for 25th Group on 3 Oct 1940; used by 25th Wing since Oct 1965.)

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**26th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING**

Apr 1965; Third Air Force, 1 Jul 1965; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1965.


Stations. AAB, Colorado Springs (later, Peterson AAFld), Colo, 23 Jul 1942; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 11–19 Aug 1943; Bizerte, Tunisia, 4 Sep 1943; La Marsa, Tunisia, 8 Sep 1943; San Severo, Italy, 6 Dec 1943; Bari, Italy, 11 Oct 1944–c. 8 Oct 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 26–28 Oct 1945. Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, 28 May 1952–1 Jul 1958. Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 1 Jul 1965; Ramstein AB, West Germany, 5 Oct 1966; Zweibrucken AB, West Germany, 31 Jan 1973–.

Commanders. 2d Lt Frederick A. Williams, 23 Jul 1942; Maj J. D. Russell, c. Sep 1942; Maj James F. Stechell, 12 Jan 1943; Lt Col Waymond A. Davis, 27 Feb 1943; Capt Paul M. Thorngren, 1 Apr 1943; Maj John S. Adams, 17 Apr 1943; Lt Col Waymond A. Davis, 6 May 1943; Maj Leon W. Gray, 23 Oct 1943; Maj Lloyd R. Nuttall, 4 Feb 1944; Col Wilbur H. Stratton, 21 Sep 1944; Lt Col Bernard S. Hendler, 9 Aug 1945–unkn. None (not manned), 28 May 1952–9 Jan 1953; Col Henry R. Sullivan, Jr., 10 Jan 1953; Col George W. Humbrecht, 10 Feb 1953; Brig Gen Henry R. Sullivan, Jr., 27 Apr 1953; Col Lawson C. Horner, Jr., 22 Jul 1955; Col William J. Meng, 16 Aug 1965; Third Air Force, 1 Jul 1965; Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1965–.
1947–1977


Service Streamers. American Theater.
Campaign Streamers. Air Combat, EAME Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley.


Emblem. Per fess nebuly abased azure and vert, overall on a saltire argent change to light green on the vert part of the shield, two lightning flashes throughout tenne behind an eye vert, vitreous body argent, pupil and outlines sable. Motto: SABER ES PODER—Knowledge is power. (Approved on 4 Sep 1953.)

27th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Operations. Fighter escort operations to meet SAC commitments, 1947–1948 and 1948–1950. Won the Mackay Trophy for successful deployment of 90 F–84Es from Bergstrom AFB, Texas, to Fürstenfeldbruck AB, West Germany, in Sep 1950 via Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, and England. This was the first long-range mass flight of jet aircraft in aviation history. Deployed at Yokota AB, Japan, 19–30 Nov 1950, then split into two echelons. The advance echelon deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950–30 Jan 1951, while the rear echelon deployed at Itazuke AB, Japan, 9 Dec 1950–31 Jan 1951. Flew combat in Korea, 6 Dec 1950–30 Jun 1951. The two echelons of the wing combined at Itazuke on 1 Feb 1951, continuing combat from that base. Returned to the United States in Jul 1951, but deployed at Misawa AB, Japan, 6 Oct 1952–13 Feb 1953, to provide air defense. Had air refueling as an additional mission, Jun 1953–May 1955 and Aug 1955–Jun 1957. Wing pilot Capt Forrest W. Wilson, in an F–84G, won the Allison Trophy jet aircraft race of the National Aircraft Show at Dayton, Ohio, on 6 Sep 1953, flying the 110.3-mile course at an average speed of 537.802 mph in 12:17.2 minutes. Deployed at Sturgate RAF Station, England, 7 May–17 Aug 1955. Converted to F–101s in 1957 after joining Tactical Air Command. Maj Adrian E. Drew, wing F–101 project officer, broke the world speed record on 12 Dec 1957 when he flew an F–101A over a Mojave Desert course at 1,212.8 mph in one direction and 1,207.5 mph in the opposite direction. Converted to F–100s in late 1958 and early 1959. Deployed at England AFB, La. 29 Mar–5 May 1961, and at MacDill AFB, Fla. 21 Oct–1 Dec 1962, the latter de-

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive.

Decorations. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 9 Nov 1950-31 May 1951.

Emblem. Per bend azure and or, in sinister chief a right clenched fist couped at the wrist in dexter base a magnolia blossom leaved all argent, fimbriated sable. Motto: INTELLIGENT STRENGTH. (Approved for 27th Group on 12 Sep 1940 and for 27th Wing on 11 Jul 1952.)

28th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947-12 Jul 1948. Fifteenth Air Force, 12 Jul 1948; Eighth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955 (attached to 3d Air Division, 14 Apr-24 Jul 1955); 821st Air (later, 821st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing) Division, 1 Apr 1959; 47th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 15 Jan 1973-.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per pale nebuly or and azure. Crest: On a wreath of the colors, a fleur-de-lis vert, shaded sable, the outer leaves terminated the form of wings or. Motto: GUARDIAN OF THE NORTH. (Approved for 28th
Group on 14 Nov 1941 and for 28th Wing on 11 Jun 1952.)

**29th FLYING TRAINING WING**


*Operations.* Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3615th Flying Training Wing on 1 Jul 1972. Provided under-graduate pilot training and operated Craig AFB. Ala facilities. Last class graduated in mid-Aug 1977.

*Service Streamers.* None.

*Campaign Streamers.* None.


*Emblem.* Azure, a lightning flash or surmounted by a Pegasus argent, saltirewise between in dexter chief a mullet of five points of the like and in base two mullets of five points fesswise of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved on 12 Mar 1973.)

**31st TACTICAL FIGHTER WING**


1947–1977


Service Streamers. None.

Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.


Emblem. Per bend nebule or and azure, in chief a wyvern, sans legs, wings endorsed of the second. Motto: RETURN WITH HONOR. (Approved for 31st Group on 28 Jun 1941 and for 31st Wing on 13 Dec 1951.)

32d TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Argent, a flight symbol bendwise azure bearing a stylized aircraft or, in sinister chief a globe per pale sable and of the third, grid lines countercharged, in dexter base a lion rampant of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the third fimbriated gulles. (Approved for 32d Group on 8 Aug 1960; used by 32d Wing, 1931–1962 and 1964.)

33d TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


1947-1977


Operations. Wing headquarters not operational and all components detached, Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948 and 1 Aug–15 Nov 1948. The 509th Bombardment Wing at Walker AFB, NM, controlled the wing's tactical units. Headquarters of the 33d Fighter Wing became operational upon movement to Otis AFB, Mass, in mid-Nov 1948. The wing trained to maintain tactical proficiency and participated in exercises and aerial demonstrations Nov 1948–Nov 1949. Assumed an air defense mission in Dec 1949 and provided air defense in the northeastern United States until inactivated in Feb 1952. Again provided air defense in the northeastern United States, Oct 1956–Jun 1957. Non-operation, 1 Jul–18 Aug 1957. In Apr 1965 the wing activated at Eglin AFB, Fla, and embarked on a program of tactical training operations to maintain proficiency. Operated a test support division, Jul 1965–Dec 1967, and a special test squadron, Dec 1967–Apr 1971, in support of tests for weapon systems, aircraft armament and munitions, and tactical procedures of the Tactical Air Warfare Center. The wing also provided F-4 replacement training, 15 Dec 1966–28 Feb 1967. Through deployment of combat-ready tactical components, with personnel and equipment transferred to PACAF units upon arrival, the wing provided fresh aircraft and aircrews for the forces in Southeast Asia and in Korea. Entire resources of squadrons were released as follows: 40th TFS, May 1967, Nov 1968, and May 1969; 4th TFS, Jul 1967; and 16th TFS, Oct 1967 and Apr 1969. In "" cases except for the 40th, in May 19 the squadrons were immediately manned and reequipped. The wing also transferred two of its combat-ready squadrons to PACAF, the 25th TFS in
May 1968 and the 4th TFS in Apr 1969. The wing's last combat-ready squadron, the 58th TFS, deployed to Southeast Asia for combat operations from Apr to Oct 1972 and again from Jun to Sep 1973. The wing supported the 4485th Test Squadron of the Tactical Air Warfare Center. 


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Azure, on a pale nebuly or, a sword point to chief in pale of the field, flammant gules, all within a border of the second. Motto: FIRF FROM THE CLOUDS. (Approved for 33d Group on 21 Feb 1942 and for 33d Wing on 5 Oct 1965.)

35th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Operations. Flew air defense missions in Japan, Aug 1948–Nov 1950. In Jul 1950 the wing's tactical group and two squadrons deployed to Korea for combat, but the wing (with one assigned and one attached squadron) continued flying air defense missions in Japan, as well as photographic reconnaissance of the Japanese coasts. Wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to South Korea on 1 Dec 1950, assuming resources of the 6150th Tactical Support Wing. Flew combat missions in Korea until 25 May 1951, then returned to Japan and resumed an air defense mission with some reconnaissance work. The tactical group was non-operational, 15 Jan–14 Jul 1954; during this time the wing directly controlled the 40th, 41st and 339th Squadrons. The group returned to operational status on 15 Jul 1954, and from 14 Aug to 30 Sep 1954 was detached from the wing. From 8 Oct 1956 the tactical group was again non-operational, and wing headquarters controlled the tactical squadrons until 1 Jul 1957, when it also became non-operational. From 1 Jul until inactivated on 1 Oct 1957, the wing was a "paper" unit, its units controlled by 41st Air Division. Organized again in Apr 1966 at Da Nang AB. South Vietnam, replacing the 7252d Tactical Fighter Wing. Controlled two F-4C squadrons, two rotational B-57 squadrons, and F-102 flights of the 64th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, to conduct combat operations in Southeast Asia. On 1 Oct 1966 the 35th and 366th Wings moved in name only, the 35th Wing replacing the 365th Wing at Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, and becoming an F-100 organization. The two B-57 squadrons also shifted bases, following the 35th Wing to Phan Rang. Also attached to the wing at Phan Rang was RAAF Squadron No. 2, equipped with MK-20 Canberra bombers. Another attached component, actually a de facto squadron, was the F-100 equipped Detachment 1, 612th TFS. On 15 Mar 1971, the 612th moved from Japan to Phan Rang in name only, replacing the detachment. Gained an A-37B squadron (8th SOS) in Sep 1971. Began phasing down for inactivation in Apr 1971, standing down operations on 26 Jun 1971. Remaining resources passed to the 315th Tactical Airlift Wing on 31 Jul 1971 when the 35th Wing inactivated. A few months later the 35th Wing activated at George AFB, Calif replacing the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing. Participated in tactical exercises, tests, and operations, provided F-4 aircrew and maintenance personnel replacement training. Gained F-105 units beginning Jul 1971, in addition to F-4 units, and assumed a "Wild Weasel" (radar detection and suppression) mission with these aircraft. Begun "Wild Weasel" aircrew training in F-105 and F-4 aircraft on 1 Apr 1975.

Campaign Streamers. None

Service Streamers. None

Campaign Streamers. CCF Incursion. First UN Counteroffensive. CCF Spring Offensive, Vietnam Air. Viet-
Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive, Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI.


**Emblem.** Azure, a dexter cubit arm or grasping a dagger point to base gules. **Motto:** ATTACK TO DEFEND. (Approved on 24 Mar 1941 for 35th Group, and on 16 Dec 1953 for 35th Wing.)

**36th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING**


**Assignments:** Caribbean Air Command, 2 Jul 1948 (attached to 6th Fighter Wing, 2-28 Jul 1948); United States Air Forces in Europe, 13 Aug 1948 (attached to 2d Air Division, 6-17 Sep 1949); 2d Air Division, 10 Oct 1949; Twelfth Air Force, 7 May 1951 (attached to Flight A, 15th Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 7–20 May 1951; Twelfth Air Force [Advanced Echelon], 21 May 1951–26 Apr 1953); United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958 (attached to United States Air Forces in Europe [Advanced Echelon], 1 Jan 1958–14 Nov 1959, Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959–


Stations. Howard AFB, CZ, 2–25 Jul 1948; Fürstenfeldbruck (later; Fürstenfeldbruck AB), West Germany, 13 Aug 1948; Bitburg AB, W-est Germany, 13 Dec 1952–


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

1947–1977


Operations. Not tactically operational, 1953. The 37th Combat Support Group was already operational at Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, when the wing activated in 1967. Personnel for the wing headquarters and tactical components were in transit from the United States and elsewhere, and tactical operations did not commence until mid-April. Combat in Southeast Asia, 15 Apr 1967–31 Mar 1970. Flew interdiction, bombardment, escort, and close air support missions. From Jun 1967 to May 1969, also used F–100F two-place aircraft for visual and weather reconnaissance and forward air control operations.

Service Streamers. None.


Decorations. Presidential Unit Citation (Vietnam); 1 Jul–31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device: 1 Apr 1967–30 Jun

37th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Emblems. Azure, a saltire or; Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a griffin sejant azure armed and winged or. Motto: DEFENDERS OF THE CROSSROADS. (Approved for 37th Group cn 23 Jun 1941 and for 37th Wing on 4 Aug 1953.)

38th FLYING TRAINING WING


Col Philip C. Gast, 1 Dec 1973; Col George T. Kertesz, 11 Apr 1975; Col Frank D. Hardee, 12 Sep–1 Dec 1975.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Quarterly or and azure, in the first quarter on a shield dark blue, a winged sword point downward argent, the hilt and pommeled charged with a targe, a pomeis and a bezant, a fleur-de-lis fretting the blade of the first between two cloud formations of the fourth issuing from dexter and sinister base; in the second quarter a griffin segreant of the first; in the third quarter a wreath of olive branches surmounted by a torch of the last; in the fourth quarter an arrow fesswise below a winged crown jeweled with a mullet all of the third. **Motto:** VALOR WITH PROGRESS. (Approved on 11 Dec 1958.)

### 39th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


**Assignments.** Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 822d Air Division, 1 Feb 1963–25 Jun 1965.


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. Or, a globe argent rimmed and grid lined sable, in sinister flaunche a lightning bolt arched point to chief guules, and fracted and rolled back per bend azure, a globe of the second, grid lined of the third between two olive branches arched of the first, the rolled back edge of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the second. (Approved on 6 Jan 1954.)

40th STRATEGIC AEROSPACE WING

Assignments. 802d Air Division, 28 May 1952 (attached to 310th Bombardment Wing, Medium, 6 Feb–1 May 1953; 7th Air Division, 9 Jun–9 Sep 1955 and c. 1 Jul–c. 1 Oct 1957; 21st Air Division, 20 Jun 1960–1 Sep 1964.
1947–1977


Operations. Although activated in May 1952, the 40th Wing was not manned until early Feb 1953, when it gained personnel and equipment from a provisional squadron originally established at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, as a holding unit for people and equipment surplus to another SAC wing. Received control and guidance from the 310th Bombardment Wing at Smoky Hill AFB, Kans, to 1 May 1953. By Oct 1953, all tactical squadrons were normally operational. Converted from B–29s to B–47s in 1954 and became combat ready in Apr 1955. Deployed at Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 9 Jun–9 Sep 1955. Performed bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet SAC’s global commitments, 1955–1964. Deployed at Greenham Common RAF Station, England, Jul–Oct 1957. Gained an Atlas missile squadron in Jan 1964. Began phasing down for inactivation shortly thereafter and was non-operational, c. 15 Aug–1 Sep 1964.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. A shield divided in an angular manner with the apex of angle toward the upper left, yellow and light green, and with a base of blue; on the green area a black silhouette of a modernistic aircraft with trail above a wavy circular symbol in gray, light gray and white with a yellow center bearing a red and black atom symbol; on and over the base a yellow wreath outlined in black. (Approved on 6 Jan 1954.)

42d BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY

Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 25 Feb 1953; 45th Air Division, 8 Oct 1954 (attached to 7th Air Division, 18 Oct–18 Nov 1955); Eighth Air Force, 18 Jan 1958; 45th Air Division, 1 Dec 1958–.
Stations. Limestone (later, Loring) AFB, Maine, 25 Feb 1953–.
Commanders. None (not manned), 25 Feb 1953; Col Frederick B. Ramputi, 26 Feb 1953; Col Bertram C. Harrison, 4 Apr 1953; Col William B. Campbell, 28 Feb 1954; Brig Gen Bertram C. Harrison, (by 16) Mar 1954; Col Jerome Tartar, 8 Oct 1954; Col Don W. Bailey, 4 May 1956; Col Woodrow P. Swancutt, 14 May 1956; Col Donald E. Hill-


Operations. When formed "from scratch" in early 1953, the wing had few resources and used personnel loaned on temporary duty from Carswell AFB, Texas, some of whom formed a cadre to train new personnel. Of three bombardment squadrons, only the 69th could be manned. Operational training began in Apr for this unit. The 70th Bombardment Squadron began manning in May and commenced flying in Jul. In Aug 1953, the 75th Bombardment Squadron became operational. A portion of the wing deployed at Upper Heyford and Burtonwood, England, 15–23 Sep 1954, and the entire wing deployed at Upper Heyford, 18 Oct–18 Nov 1955. Gained an air refueling squadron in 1955 and lost one bombardment squadron in 1959, just before deploying entire air echelon to Ramey AFB, PR, for 3 months. Converted from B-36 to B-52 bombers in 1956. Lost another bombardment squadron in 1966, and gained a second air refueling squadron in 1968. Supported SAC’s bombardment and air refueling operations in Southeast Asia from the mid-1960s to mid-1975 furnishing aircraft and aircrews, and at times, support personnel to other units.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, on a bend enguiled or, four annulets gules, between two aerial bombs palewise of the second, all within a diminutive bordure of the last.

Motto: AETHERA NOBIS—The skies for us. (Approved for 42d Group on 11 Mar 1942 and for 42d Wing on 16 Apr 1954.)

43d STRATEGIC WING

Wing on 4 Feb 1970. Activated on 1 Apr 1970.

Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Eighth Air Force, 1 Aug 1948; Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; 36th Air Division, 4 Sep 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, c. 10 Mar–5 Jun 1953 and 5 Sep–10 Dec 1954; 3d Air Division, 1 Jul–1 Oct 1957); 19th Air Division, 15 Mar 1960 (attached to 825th Strategic Aerospace Division, 19–31 Aug 1964); 825th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 42d Air Division, 1–31 Jan 1970. Eighth Air Force, 1 Apr 1970 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 57th, 1 Jun 1972–14 Nov 1973); 3d Air Division, 1 Jan 1975–.


Operations. Strategic bombardment training, 1947–1948 and 1948–1960, and air refueling, 1949–1960, to meet SAC’s global commitments. Wing personnel established flight records, flying two B-29s around the world in 1948 in 15 days, flying the B-50 Lucky Lady II nonstop around the world in 94 hours and 40 seconds in 1949, and setting a jet endurance record in 1954 by keeping a B-47 airborne for 47:35 hours. Converted to B–58 aircraft in 1960. From Mar 1960 to Jul 1961 flew YRB–58, TB–58, B–58, and TF–102 aircraft during Category II and III evaluations of the new supersonic bomber, while at the same time operating a combat crew training school to train SAC aircrews in the B–58 weapons system. Continued B–58 evaluations to Jul 1962, and from then until late 1969 served as one of two SAC B–58 wings with a strategic bombardment mission. Also controlled an air refueling squadron from Aug 1964 until inactivated in 1970. During the 1960s the wing continued to establish flight records. On 12 Jan 1961, wing personnel flew a B–58 over a 2,000 kilometer course at an average speed of 1,061.68 mph, and over a 1,000 kilometer course at an average speed of 1,200.194 mph. Two days later, another wing B–58 averaged 1,284.73 mph over a 1,000 kilometer course. In May 1961, a wing B–58 flew a closed course of 669,438 miles at 1,302.048 mph. That same month, another wing B–58 flew from New York City to Paris, France, in 3 hours, 14 minutes, and 44:53 seconds, establishing a new transatlantic speed record of 1,089.36 mph. During a race in 1962, a wing B–58 flew from Los Angeles to New York City at an average speed of 1,214.65 mph, from New York City to Los Angeles at an average speed of 1,081.8 mph, and from Los Angeles to New York City and back in 4 hours, 41 minutes, and 14.91 seconds. The 43d inactivated in Jan 1970, but activated again in Apr 1970, replacing the 3960th Strategic Wing at An-
dersen AFB, Guam. On 1 Jul 1970, the 43d also assumed tasks formerly handled by the Bombardment Wing Provisional, 4133d, assuming a combat role at this time. Employed attached aircraft and aircrews of other SAC units to participate in SAC’s “Arc Light” combat mission in Southeast Asia from 1 Jul to mid-Aug 1970, and again from Feb 1972 to Aug 1973. Following the end of combat operations, provided routine training and ground alert with B-52 and KC-135 aircraft, the latter provided by other SAC units on loan. During 1975, provided logistical and medical support to thousands of Vietnam refugees evacuated from their homeland and located temporarily at Guam awaiting resettlement.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emblem. Per fess rebuly or and azure, a drop bomb counterchanged. Moto: WILLING, ABLE, READY.

(Approved for 43d Group on 31 Jan 1942 and for 43d Wing on 14 May 1968)

44th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-MINUTEMAN)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, a missile palewise nose to base or, the warhead encircled by three electronic orbits argent, between eight mullets palewise, our in dexter flange and four in sinister flank of the last, all within a diminised bordure of the second. Motto: AGGRESSOR BEWARE. (Approved on 18 Jul 1962.)

46th AEROSPACE DEFENSE WING


Assignments. Aerospace Defense Command, 15 Mar 1975-.
Components. Squadron. 46th Flying Training: 15 Mar 1975–.

Stations. Peterson Field (later, AFB), Colo, 15 Mar 1975–.

Commanders. Col Donald J. Parsons, 15 Mar 1975; Col Edward L. Ellis, 12 Aug 1976; Col Alfred H. Uhalt, Jr., 2 Mar 1977–.


Operations. Replaced 4600th Air Base Wing in Mar 1975, taking over the mission of administering facilities of North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), Aerospace Defense Command (ADC), and Army Air Defense Command (ARADCOM) located on Ent AFB, Peterson Field (later, AFB), and Cheyenne Mountain Complex, all located in Colo, plus various other nearby off-base facilities. Although the provision of administrative and logistical support was the wing's primary mission, its flying training squadron served NORAD and ADC mission requirements and provided flying training for cadets of the USAF Academy.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, a foot embattled arraswise golden brown detailed or, issuant therefrom bendwise arched the jet trails of three stylized rockets of the third detailed dark blue and argent between, fesswise, issuant from sinister to dexter honor point a stylized aircraft with contrail of the last detailed of the fourth, and a similar charge from sinister nombrit to dexter nombrit flank, in sinister chief a mullet of the fifth shaded of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Motto: SUPPORT.
(Approved for 4600th ABW on 13 Jul 1961; used by 46th ADW since 15 Mar 1975 without official approval.)

47th FLIGHT TRAINING WING


3646th Pilot Training Wing at Laughlin AFB, Texas, on 1 Sep 1972 and conducted undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air Force Reserve, and friendly foreign nation air forces.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. P : bend azure and light blue, a lightning bolt bendwise throughout argent between in sinister chief a stylized wing or and in dexter base on olive branch vert, within a diminished bordure of the fourth. (Approved on 2 Jan 1973.)

48th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Stations. Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jul 1952; RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960–.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Azure, an orle of mullets 13 visible argent, and issuant from sinister base throughout the head and arm of the Statue of Liberty vert, all within a diminished bordure of the second charged with a bordure gules. **Motto:** STATUE DE LA LIBERTE—The Statue of Liberty. (Approved on 5 Jul 1962.)

### 49th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Stations. Misawa AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948; Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950; Tsuki AB, Japan, 26 Jan 1951; Taegu AB, South Korea, 24 Feb 1951; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953; Misawa AB, Japan, 7 Nov 1953–10 Dec 1957; Etsin-Rouvres (later, Etain) AB, France, 10 Dec 1957 (operated from Chalons–Vatry AB, France, 1 Sep–30 Nov 1958); Spangdahlem AB, West Germany, 25 Aug 1959–30 Jun 1968; Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jul 1968–


Aircraft. Primarily P (later, F)-51, 1948–1950; F-80, 1948–1951; F-84,

**Operations.** Trained to maintain tactical proficiency while participating in the military occupation and air defense of Japan, 1948–Jun 1950. Remained in Japan until 1 Dec 1950, although components detached for combat operations. The wing's tactical mission was greatly reduced, but did include F–80 pilot training from late Jun to 1 Dec 1950. From 6 Sep to 1 Dec 1950 the wing had no tactical units except a detachment of the 41st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, which provided strip alert and F–80 pilot training. On 1 Dec the wing moved without personnel or equipment to Taegu AB, South Korea, absorbing resources of another wing, and commenced combat operations. The wing was attached to 68th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Taegu, 16–31 Mar 1953, and on 1 Apr moved without personnel or equipment to Kunsan AB, South Korea, where it absorbed resources of the 474th Fighter-Bomber Wing and continued combat operations to 27 Jul 1953. Moved without tactical components to Misawa AB, Japan, on 7 Nov 1953 and absorbed resources of the 6016th Air Base Wing. Served as an administrative and support wing without tactical operations until Jul 1954, and then assume an air defense mission with attached squadrons. On 15 Apr 1957 the detached 49th Fighter-Bomber Group became a paper unit and the wing assumed the fighter-bomber mission the group had been performing, continuing it to 15 Sep 1957, when the wing stood down and prepared to move to France. Replaced the 388th Fighter-Bomber Wing in France in Dec 1957. Participated in tactical exercises and operations in Europe, in support of NATO, Dec 1957–Jun 1968, initially with F–100s, later with F–105s and then F–4s. Replaced by 7149th Tactical Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem AB, West Germany, on 1 Jul 1968, and reformed at Holloman AFB, NM, largely with recent returnees from Southeast Asia. Served as USAF's first "dual-based," NATO-committed wing, subject to immediate return to Europe if and when needed. The entire wing deployed back to Spangdahlem AB 15 Jan–4 Apr 1969 and 14 Sep–7 Oct 1970, receiving the Mackay Trophy for the 1969 deployment. At Holloman AFB, the wing continued participation in tactical exercises and firepower demonstrations to maintain combat readiness. It assumed base host responsibility on 1 Jan 1971. In the autumn of 1971 the wing's four tactical squadrons deployed in Europe. On 4 May 1972 after North Vietnam invaded South Vietnam, the entire wing, except for a rear echelon to run Holloman, deployed to Takhli RTAFB, Thailand. Conducted combat operations in Southeast Asia, 11 May–27 Sep 1972. Returned to Holloman AFB in early Oct 1972, and continued rotating tactical components to Europe to support NATO through Sep 1977. Also provided US AF fighter lead-in training in T–38s, Feb 1974–Dec 1976. Became part of a new organization—Tactical Training, Holloman—on 1 Aug 1977 and lost responsibility for operating Holloman AFB. Beg.
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F–15s in 1977 and received the first of the new planes on 8 Sep (officially accepted on 15 Oct) 1977.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emblem. A gyronny of three, gules, or and azure, a bolt of lightning, bend sinisterwise argent, in chief, a knight’s helmet, winged of the last, in dexter chief, five stars (Southern Cross) argent, two on gules, and three on azure, in sinister base a covered wagon, trees and road scene, all proper. Motto: TUTOR ET ULTOR—I protect and avenge. (Approved for the 49th Group on 29 Dec 1951 and for the 49th Wing on 2 Jul 1959.)

50th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


**Combat Wings**


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** On a shield azure a griffin guardant effrontée, wings displayed argent, langued and breathing fire gules, his right talons surmounting an olive branch and his left talons surmounting a thunderbolt all or, all over an atomic cloud in pale, proper. **Nimbus:** MASTER OF THE SKY. (Approved on 23 Aug 1956.)

**51st Composite Wing (Tactical)**

**Lineage.** Established as 51st Fighter Wing on 10 Aug 1948.Activated on 18 Aug 1948. Redesignated 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1 Feb 1950. Inacti-
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J. Norwood, 7 Jun 1973; Col Alonzo L. Ferguson, 1 May 1974; Col Glenn L. Nordin, 30 Sep 1974; Brig Gen Vernon H. Sandrock, 12 Aug 1975; Col Frederick B. Hoenniger, 15 Jun 1977–.


Operations. Replaced 301st Fighter Wing (which became non-operational) in Aug 1948, and absorbed the 301st's resources. Provided air defense of the Ryukyu Islands, Aug 1954–Sep 1950. Moved to Japan for combat in Korea, 22 Sep 1950–27 Jul 1953. Moved to Kimpopo AB, South Korea, on 10 Oct 1950, and back to Japan 2 months later, while continuing combat in the war zone. Beginning May 1951, operated a detachment of wing elements at Suwon AB, South Korea, until the entire wing moved there in Oct 1951. Thereafter, operated maintenance and supply elements at Tsuiki AB, Japan, until Aug 1954, providing rear echelon support for the forward elements. The wing supported ground forces in Korea and flew patrol, escort, interdictory, and reconnaissance missions. Wing pilots frequently engaged the enemy's jet (MiG) fighters and reported numerous victories in aerial combat. Remained in Korea after the end of hostilities to provide air defense until late Jul 1954. Provided air defense of the Ryukyu Islands, Aug 1954–c. May 1971. From Aug 1954 through 1970, frequently deployed tactical aircraft, crews, and support personnel throughout the Far East, including Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines. One squadron deployed at Tainan, Taiwan, 29 Aug 1958–26 Jan 1959, during the Taiwan Strait crisis. Wing F–86s flew numerous combat air patrol sorties to provide air cover for Nationalist Chinese Air Force flights resupplying besieged garrisons on Quemoy Island. In response to the Pueblo incident in 1968, the wing deployed one tactical squadron plus support personnel to Suwon AB, South Korea, 30 Jan–20 Feb 1968, and other personnel to support 314th Air Division at Osan AB, South Korea. A detachment of F–102s, crews, and support personnel deployed at Suwon AB from 28 Jun 1968 through 1970. The wing inactivated at Naha AB, Okinawa, on 31 May 1971, but was soon brought out of retirement to become an air base wing at Osan AB. From 1 Nov 1971 through 29 Sep 1974 the wing served primarily as a support wing, assuming tasks of the former 6314th Support Wing. It operated Osan AB and was responsible for remote site support and the Koon-Ni Range. On 15 Apr 1975 the wing also became responsible for Taegu AB, South Korea. During this "support" period the wing operated C–47 (1971), C–123 (1971–1973), CH–3 (1971–1974), VT–29 (1971–1974), and T–33 (1971–1976) aircraft, mostly in support of 314th Air Division. The wing assumed a tactical mission on 30 Sep 1974 when it gained an F–4E tactical fighter squadron and an OV–10 tactical air support squadron, but support responsibilities continued under a combat support group activated for this purpose. In Jan 1976 the wing gained a tactical control squadron, and in Apr 1976 a direct air support squadron and a
tactical air control center squadron. These additions, with the tactical air support squadron already assigned, comprised the Korean tactical air control system. After 1974 the wing participated in numerous tactical exercises to maintain combat readiness.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Per fess nebuly abased azure and or, issuing from partition line a demi–pegasus argent with a machine gun in each wing bendwise sable, gun fire proper. Motto: DEFTLY AND SWIFTLY. (Approved for 51st Group on 5 Feb 1942 and, in modified form, for 51st Wing on 2 May 1956.)

52d TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Operations. Air defense in the northeastern United States, Jun 1948–Feb 1952, and Jul 1963–Sep 1968. In Dec 1971 became host wing at Spangdahlem AB, West Germany, and inherited tactical squadrons from 36th TFW at nearby Bitburg AB. Participated in numerous tactical exercises, operations, and tests of USAFE and NATO. Provided close air support, interdiction, and base defense operations. Cooperated with other NATO forces in frequent "squadron exchange" programs and hosted U.S.-based units on temporary duty in Europe.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Quarterly per fess nebuly, first and fourth argent (white), each charged with a dagger in pale point downward gules (red), hilt and pommel of the same, grip or (gold); second quarter azure (blue); third quarter sable (black). Motto: SEEK, ATTACK, DESTROY. (Approved for 52d Group on 11 Jan 1951 and for 52d Wing on 10 May 1951.)

54th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Operations. Not operational from activation until 20 May 1943. commenced air transport and medical air evacuation operations in support of Fifth Air Force on 26 May 1943, advancing as battle lines permitted. Employed C-47s almost exclusively, but during late 1943 and much of 1944 also used converted B-17s for armed transport missions in enemy-held territory. Supported every major advance made by the allies in the Southwest Pacific, operating from primitive airstrips carved from jungles and air-dropping cargo where airstrips unavailable. Took part in the airborne invasion of Nadzab, New Guinea, in Sep 1943 by dropping paratroopers of the 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment as well as Australian engineers and heavy equipment. In Jul 1944, dropped 1,418 paratroopers on Noemfoor Island to aid the allied invasion forces. Then assumed the task of handling all freight and personnel moving in troop carrier aircraft in the Southwest Pacific, in addition to scheduled and unscheduled air movement of cargo and troops, and air evacuation of wounded personnel. Some C-46s began operating within the wing in late 1944, and during 1945 large numbers of C-46s were used in addition to C-47s. By late 1944 and during the early months of 1945, most wing missions were flown to the Philippines. In Feb 1945, the wing flew three more airborne operations, all in the Philippines, to help encircle Japanese concentrations. Wing C-47s dropped napalm on Carabao Island, in Manila Bay, in Mar 1945. When hostilities ended, the wing moved the entire 11th Airborne Division (11,300 personnel) from the Philippines to Okinawa on short notice, and
then began transporting occupation forces into Japan. During Sep 1945 the wing also evacuated over 17,000 former prisoners of war from Japan to the Philippines. The wing served as part of the occupation forces in Japan from 25 Sep 1945 to about 26 Jan 1946, while continuing routine air transport operations and a scheduled courier service. Beginning in Dec 1945 and continuing into mid-1946, most of the wing’s components were reassigned to other units or inactivated. and on 15 Jan 1946 the wing became a component of the Far East (soon, Pacific) Air Service Command. Moving to the Philippines, the wing gained new components and flew scheduled routes between Japan, the Philippines, Australia, and the Hawaiian Islands. Replaced by the 403d Troop Carrier Group on 31 May 1946. As the 54th Fighter Wing, served the Georgia Air National Guard from Jul 1946 to Oct 1950. Ordered to active service on 10 Oct 1950 and inactivated the following day, with personnel used as fillers in other USAF units. In Jun 1970, as the 54th Tactical Fighter Wing, replaced the 54th TFW at Kunsan AB, South Korea. Used attached F-4 squadrons in the Republic of Korea.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon.

Decorations. Philippines Presidential Unit Citation.

Emblem. None.

55th STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING


Assignments. 311th Air Division, Reconnaissance (later, 311th Air Division), 19 Jul 1948–14 Oct 1949. Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1950; 21st Air (later, 21st Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Oct 1952 (attached to 5th Air Division, 16 May–16 Aug 1955); 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 14th Strategic Aerospace (later, 14th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 4th Air Division, 1 Oct 1976–.


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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a light blue shield radiating saltirewise from a black aerial camera outlined in white, at the top of shield with aperture downward, four red lightning flashes with yellow upper edges; below and touching the flashes a green globe with white outlines to point of contact and white lines of latitude and longitude, the area between globe and flashes yellow; surmounting the globe a horizontal curved yellow flash inscribed with the code letters "SAC" in...
black. Motto: VIDEUS OMNIA—We see all. (Approved on 4 Feb 1954.)

56th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Commanders. Col William T. Hudnell, 15 Aug 1947–1 Aug 1948. Col William T. Hudnell, 1 Aug 1948; Lt Col...


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground: Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emblem. Tenne, on a chevron azure fimbriated or, two lightning flashes
chevronwise of the last. *Motto:* CAVE TONITRUM—Beware of the thunderbolt. (Approved for 56th Group on 4 Apr 1942 and for 56th Wing on 19 Apr 1967.)

57th TACTICAL TRAINING WING


**Assignments.** Alaskan Air Command, 20 Apr–20 Sep 1948; Alaskan Air Command, 20 Sep 1948–1 Jan 1951; USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, 15 Oct 1969–.


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Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.


58th TACTICAL TRAINING WING

Emblem. Argent (silver gray) a pellet within six annulets alternating or and sable, surmounted by a bomb bend sinisterwise gules, trailing speed lines of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 2 Sep 1970.)


Operations. Replaced 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing (an Air National Guard wing on active duty) in Japan and South Korea on 10 Jul 1952. Wing headquarters initially in Japan, with part of wing assets in Japan and part in South Korea until Aug, when the entire wing moved to South Korea. Flew combat interdiction and close air support missions in Korea until the end of hostilities, and provided air defense of South Korea thereafter until inactivation. From 15 Mar 1953 to 8 Nov 1954, service tested a “reinforced” wing organization by absorbing support and administrative functions of the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing (replaced in a name-only move on 1 Apr 1953 by the 474th Fighter-Bomber Wing), and exercising direct control over the tactical components of the attached wings. Retained control of the 474th FBG to 24 Nov 1954. Inactivated in 1958. Activated and replaced 4510th Combat Crew Training Wing at Luke AFB, Ariz, in Oct 1969. Conducted tactical training of American, German Air Force, and friendly foreign nation aircrews, and operated Luke AFB until Apr 1977, and participated in numerous tactical exercises and operations. Operated the TAC Central Instructor School in F-4 aircraft since Aug 1971.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Azure, on clouds in base a representation of the Greek mythological goddess Artemis with quiver and bow, in her chariot drawn by the two deer, all or. Motto: NON REVERTAR INULTUS—I will not return unavenged. (Originally approved for 58th Fighter Group on 10 Aug 1942 and for 58th FBW on 18 Nov 1952. Superseded by a new emblem approved for the 58th Tactical Missile Group on 14 Apr 1960, itself superseded by a return to the origi-
inal emblem, approved for the 58th TFTW on 29 Dec 1969.)

60th MILITARY Airlift Wing


Stations. Kaufbeuren AB, West Germany, 1 Jul 1948; Fassberg RAF Station, West Germany, 20 Jan 1949; Wiesbaden AB, West Germany, 1 Oct 1949; Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 2 Jun 1951; Dreux AB, France, 15 Oct 1955–25 Sep 1958. Travis AFB, Calif, 8 Jan 1966–.

Commanders. Col Bertram C. Harrison, 1 Jul 1948; Col Henry W. Dorr, 27
Aug 1948; Lt Col Benjamin A. Kar- nokas, 16 Dec 1948; Col Robert C. Paul, 22 Dec 1948; Col Theron Coulter, 20 Jan 1949; Col James J. Roberts, Jr., 1 Oct 1949; Col Hilbert M. Witkop, 8 Oct 1949; Col James J. Roberts, Jr., 3 Apr 1950; Col Auby C. Strickland, 2 Jun 1951; Col Laurence B. Kelly, 15 Jul 1952; Col Harry S. Bishop, 1 Nov 1953; Col Clyde Box, 1 Aug 1955-13 Feb 1956; unkn, 14 Feb-c. 21 May 1956; Col Randolph E. Churchill, c. 22 May 1956; Col James W. Ingram, c. Jul-25 Sep 1958. None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965-7 Jan 1966; Brig Gen Maurice F. Casey, Jr., 8 Jan 1966; Brig Gen James A. Hill, 8 Jul 1966; Brig Gen John H. Germeraad, 1 Mar 1970; Brig Gen Ralph S. Saunders, 14 May 1971; Col Charles F. Shannon, 16 May 1973; Brig Gen Harry A. Morris, 15 Oct 1973; Col Donald W. Bennett, 2 May 1975; Col Allen L. Trott, Jr., 1 Sep 1977-


Operations. When the wing activated in Jul 1948, its tactical units were detached, supporting the Berlin airlift (Operation Vittles) from other bases. The wing operated under control of the provisional airlift task force from 29 Jul 1948, but was not directly involved in airlift operations until it moved to Wiesbaden in Jan 1949. From 20 Jan to 26 Sep 1949, the wing flew Berlin airlift missions, primarily with C-54s. The wing then moved to Wiesbaden, replacing the 7150th Air Force Composite Wing. Without a tactical mission until Jun 1951, the wing operated a variety of aircraft in support of USAFE and other units. Upon moving to Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, in Jun 1951 (where it replaced the 61st Troop Carrier Wing), the 60th resumed a tactical role. Operating from Rhein-Main AB until Oct 1955, the 60th Wing provided airlift of troops and cargo throughout Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. It also provided training to the 433d Troop Carrier Wing, Aug 1951-Jul 1952, and the 312th Troop Carrier Wing, Jul 1952-Mar 1953. Moved to France in 1955 with no change in the basic airlift mission, and continued operations from that area until inactivated in 1958. Replaced the 1501st Air Transport Wing, Heavy, at Travis AFB, Calif, in Jan 1966. Flew global airlift and humanitarian missions from that time to meet MAC commitments, initially with C-124, C-130, C-133, and C-141 aircraft. Lost C-130s in 1966, C-124s in 1967, and C-133s in 1971, but gained MAC's first operational C-5s in Oct 1970. Airlift of cargo and troops to Southeast Asia was a major responsibility of the wing, 1966-1975, but missions flown worldwide as required. A C-141 of the 60th Wing became the first jet to land on the Antarctic continent in Nov 1966. The 60th also played a major role in the airlift of repatriated prisoners of war to the United Nations.
States after the Vietnamese ceasefire agreement in 1973, and in the airlift of Vietnamese children and other refugees to the United States in 1975.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure, a pale of seven variegated pallets proper, black, yellow, red, white, blue, orange, and green, the pale fimbriated and surmounted by three symbols of flight or, in bend, all within a narrow border of the last. Motto: TERMINI NONEXISTENT—There are no bounds. (Approved on 7 Sep 1955.)

61st MILITARY Airlift Support Wing


Stations. Rhein-Main AFB (later, AB), West Germany, 1 Jul 1948–2 Jun 1951. Hickam AFB, Hawaii, 8 Jan 1966–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a sky proper, issuant from chief two lightning flashes argent radiant to base saltirewise, surmounted in base by a roundel gules, winged or with details and outlines azure, the wings elevated and displayed to chief surrounding a sphere of the last bendwise with grid markings of the second and charged with three mullets and air- lanes of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure silver. (Approved on 4 May 1966.)

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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Gray, a globe with axis bendwise azure gridlined of the first above in base two arched olive branches, one to dexter and one to sinister vert, overall in pale a sword with blade argent, hilt or, the blade winged of the last, the point of the blade surmounting a sunburst of the like, all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 17 Nov 1969.)

**Stations.** Floyd Bennett NAS, NY, 27 Jun 1949–9 May 1951. Altus Muni Aprt (later, AFB), Okla, 8 Jan 1953; Donaldson AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1953; Hunter AFB, Ga, 1 Apr 1963; Norton AFB, Calif, 1 Apr 1967–.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

Emblem. On a light blue shield with a green embattled base, a red lightning flash striking from upper right corner and crossing the corner of one embattlement and a white parachute with shroud lines touching the tip of the flash; above the parachute three white aircraft, on the green base a circle of six yellow stars at the left and a triangle of three yellow stars. Motto: OMNIA UBIQUE SEMPER—Anything, anywhere, anytime. (Approved on 2 Oct 1953.)

**64th FLYING TRAINING WING**


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**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Azure, a stylized eagle ascending bendwise with wings elevated, head, neck, wing tips, and tail feathers argent, body, beak, wings, legs, claws and talons are garnished brown and sable, grasping a lightning flash of the second, in dexter chief a mullet of five points of the like, all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 20 Feb 1973.)

**65th STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING, MEDIUM**

**Lineage.** Established as 65th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 26 May 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 14 Jun 1952. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1953. Redesignated 65th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, on 1 Apr 1953.

**Assignments.** First Air Force, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953.

**Components.** Group. 65th: 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953.

**Stations.** Mitchel AFB, NY, 14 Jun 1952–1 Apr 1953.

**Commanders.** Col Charles K. Nelson, Jr., 14 Jun 1952; Col Howard C. Stelling, 31 Jul 1952–1 Apr 1953.

**Aircraft.** C-46, 1952–1953.

**Operations.** Reserve training toward proficiency with troop carrier aircraft. Never fully manned or equipped.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** None.
Emblem. None.

66th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING


Operations. Replaced 118th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Jan 1953. Provided day and night tactical reconnaissance for TAC, and participated in several exercises, Jan–May 1953. Moved to Europe in May 1953. Provided day and night (primarily day, after Jan 1958) reconnaissance for USAFE and NATO, Jul 1953–Jan 1970. In addition, participated in a steady stream of tactical exercises and evaluations, readiness inspections, and training programs.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend gules and azure, a bend nebule argent between a sprig of goldenrod or and a sprig of mountain...
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laurel vert, fimbriated of the fourth. 
Motto: OMNIA CONSPICIMUS—We observe all. (Approved for 66th Group on 5 Jan 1943 and for 66th Wing on 26 May 1953.)

67th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING


Operations. When the 67th Wing organized in Nov 1947, only its 67th Reconnaissance Group was fully operational. The entire 67th Wing was attached to the 1st Fighter Wing. The original (Table of Distribution) wing discontinued on 24 Aug 1948 and a new (Table of Organization) wing activated on 22 Aug 1948, the new wing absorbing resources of the original wing. Remained attached to 1st Fighter Wing until inactivated in 1949. The wing activated again in Feb 1951 for operations in Korea. It absorbed resources of the 543d Tactical Support Group and immediately commenced combat reconnaissance operations. Provided photographic coverage of enemy airfields and rail lines, with weather reconnaissance as a secondary task, during the Korean war. After the war, the wing remained in South Korea and later, in Japan, to provide reconnaissance as needed. On 1 Jul 1957, it became the sole reconnaissance wing in the Far
East, and in Sep 1957 added air refueling and military airlift to its mission, these new tasks continuing until the wing inactivated in Dec 1960. Six years later, the wing was organized at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, charged with aerial, visual, optical, electronic, thermal, and radar reconnaissance. Added RF-4C replacement training to its mission in May 1966, and in Jun 1968, added tactical fighter operations with F-4Ds. This latter mission ceased in Nov 1970. The wing moved to Bergstrom AFB, Texas, in 1971, but from 15 May to 15 Jul 1971, the wing headquarters served in a dual role for the 67th TRW and the succeeding 347th TFW at Mountain Home AFB. At Bergstrom, the 67th absorbed the resources of the inactivated 75th TRW and continued the reconnaissance mission formerly handled by that wing.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953.


Emblem. On a shield per bend sinister, sky proper and azure between a lightning bolt gules, fimbriated sable, in bend sinister, the quarter section of a sun, issuing from the dexter chief, or, fimbriated sable, in sinister four stars argent, one, two and one, all the shield within a diminutive bordure sable. Motto: LUX EX TENEREBRIS—Light from darkness. (Approved on 20 Mar 1952.)

68th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. 37th Air Division, 10 Oct 1951 (attached to 21st Air Division, 10 Oct 1951–c. 15 May 1952); Second Air Force, 28 May 1952; 806th Air Division, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to 7th Air Division, 14 Jun–7 Aug 1954 and 27 Sep 1957–8 Jan 1958); 825th Air (later, 825th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 15 Jun 1960; 822d Air Division, 15 Apr 1963; 57th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964; 822d Air Division, 1 Jul 1965; 57th Air Division, 2 Sep 1966; 823d Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42d Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–.


**Stations.** Lake Charles (later, Chennault) AFB, La, 10 Oct 1951; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 15 Apr 1963–.


loaned to other SAC units for combat operations in Southeast Asia. 

Service Streamers. None. 

Campaign Streamers. None. 

Decorations. None. 

Emblem. On a shield, per chevron reversed, azure and gules; on a chevron reversed, indented and fracted argent, two lightning bolts gules; in chief six stars in fess argent, above a clenched mailed fist gules, fimbriated argent, holding an olive branch or; in base eight bombs argent. Motto: FOLLOW ME. (Approved on 3 Oct 1952.) 

70th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. On a medium blue shield within a narrow yellow border, near the top of the shield, two white cloud formations issuing from each side of the shield, on a horizontal plane originating in the center near the bottom of the shield two green olive branches, highlighted yellow encircling a light blue globe, rimmed and grid lines black with green land areas, the globe surrounding two red lightning bolts forming an X. Within the lightning bolts at the top of the shield a circle of seven yellow stars. On the globe a black mated bomber and tanker flying horizontally.

Motto: STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY. (Approved on 17 Feb 1964.)

71st FLYING TRAINING WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Gules, in fess a stylized aircraft palewise argent between two pikes.
issuant from base of the like, each bearing a stylized aircraft palewise azure, on a chief arched of the last a pair of wings displayed fesswise of the second, surmounted by an escutcheon blazoned azure, issuant from base a demi-sphere argent, issuant from base a demi-sphere of the last a pair of wings displayed fesswise of the second, surmounted by an escutcheon blazoned azure, issuant from base a demi-sphere Rieg e 983 u 917 with axis bend sinisterwise, issuant Stations. Ramey AFB, PR. 16 Jun 1952–30 Jun 1971. 


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** A shield quarterly azure and or, the fess line debased; first and fourth quarters, semés of 9 stars argent, 7 in the first and 2 in the fourth; second and third quarter lines radiant throughout of the first, t1 and t1, overall in pale a stylized atom burst proper, fimbriated azure, thereover, a globe proper, grid lines azure; Jebruising the atom burst and sphere a stylized compass star of the third, shaded proper and outlined of the first. (Approved on 29 Jun 1954.)

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**75th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING**

**Emblem.** Per fess abased nebuly celeste and gules fimbriated argent throughout a pile azure between two rays in point argent bearing a sword in pale point to base of the like, grip gules, surmounted by wings erect in honour point or, both garnished celeste, charged with an eye quartered countercharged argent and celeste having a hurt bearing a mullet argent charged with a tordue; all within a diminished bordure or. **Motto:** APPERCEPTIVE. (Approved on 14 Apr 1967.)

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**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

76th MILITARY Airlift Wing


Assignments. Twenty-First Air Force, 30 Sep 1977–.

Components. Group. 89th: 30 Sep 1977–.

Stations. Andrews AFB, Md, 30 Sep 1977–.

Commanders. Maj Gen Benjamin F. Starr, Jr., 30 Sep 1977–.


Operations. Replaced 76th Airlift Division, 89th Military Airlift Wing, and 1100th Air Base Wing at Andrews AFB, Md, and Bolling AFB, D.C., upon activation. Charged with special mission-type military airlift of the President, Cabinet members, Congressmen, and other VIPs; also performed many other support functions unique to this wing.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure a drop bomb argent surmounted by a pair of binoculars bendwise gules winged or. Motto: OUR OBSERVATION, YOUR SECURITY. (Approved for 76th Reconnaissance Group on 5 Nov 1942, but never used by 76th Wing, which used emblem of the 76th Airlift Division in error.)

78th FLYING TRAINING WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per pale indented azure and gules, in chief five chain lengths conjoined fesswise or. Moto: ABOVE THE FOE. (Approved for 78th Group on 26 Sep 1942 and for 78th Wing on 19 Mar 1958.)

80th FLYING TRAINING WING


Assignments. Air Training Command, 1 Jan 1973–.

Components. Squadrons. 88th: 1 Jan 1973–. 89th: 1 Jan 1973–. 90th: 1 Jan 1973–.

Stations. Sheppard AFB, Texas. 1 Jan 1973–.

Commanders. Col Robert G. Liotta, 1 Jan 1973; Col Kirk A. Brown, 28 Jan 1973–.
1973; Col Spence M. Armstrong, 22 Jul 1974; Col Robert D. Caudry, 17 Jul 1976; Col William R. Deans, 1 Apr 1977–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per bend azure and sable a bend raguly or, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Motto: ANGELS ON OUR WINGS. (Approved for 80th Group on 14 Oct 1942 and for 80th Wing on 2 Jan 1973.)

81st TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Assignments. 7th Air Division, 1 May 1948; Pacific Air Command, 3 Sep 1948; Twelfth Air Force, 21 May 1949 (attached to Western Air Defense Force, 10 Nov 1949– ); Fourth Air Force, 1 Apr 1950 (remained attached to Western Air Defense Force to 1 Aug 1950; Western Air Defense Force, 1 Aug 1950 (attached to Third Air Force, 5–8 Sep 1951); Third Air Force, 9 Sep 1951 (attached to 49th Air Division, Operational [later, 49th Air Division (Operational)], 1 Mar 1954–1 Jul 1956); Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961; Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963–.


Station. Wheeler AFB, TH, 1 May 1948–21 May 1949; Camp Stoneman, Calif, 27 May 1949; Kirtland AFB, NM, 5 Jun 1949; Moses Lake (later, Larson) AFB, Wash, 2 May 1950–16 Aug 1951; Bentwaters RAF Station (later, RAF Bentwaters), England, 6 Sep 1951–.

Commanders. Col Thomas W. Blackburn, 1 May 1948; Lt Col Francis R. Royal, 21 May 1949; Col Thomas W
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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Or, a dragon sailient wings displayed and addorsed azure, armed and langued gules, incensed proper, holding in its dexter claw a stylized boll weevil sable. Motto: LE NOM LES ARMES LA LOYAUTE—The name, the arms, and loyalty. (Approved for 81st Group on 2 Mar 1943 and for 81st Wing on 14 May 1958.)

82d FLYING TRAINING WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Or, a dragon sailient wings displayed and addorsed azure, armed and langued gules, incensed proper, holding in its dexter claw a stylized boll weevil sable. Motto: LE NOM LES ARMES LA LOYAUTE—The name, the arms, and loyalty. (Approved for 81st Group on 2 Mar 1943 and for 81st Wing on 14 May 1958.)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield per bend or and azure a lightning bolt in bend throughout point to base, with two bevies, per bend argent, gules and or, between three fleurs-de-lis, two and one, of the second, and eleven stars in bend, six and five, of the first; overall in dexter chief a roundle per fess, wavy of two, sable and vert. Motto: ADORIMINI—Up and at 'em! (Approved on 4 Nov 1957 for 82d Fighter Group [Air Defense]; used since Feb 1973 by 82d FTW.)

83d FIGHTER-DAY WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield per pile transposed azure and or; overall on an escutcheon per bend gules and medium blue, a bend embattled inverted, vert, fimbriated throughout argent; superimposed over the chief area of the escutcheon a stylized demi-falcon bendwise, in profile, sable, his head and wings raised upward above the escutcheon; his eyes gules, the falcon fimbriated throughout argent. (Approved on 29 Mar 1957.)

84th FIGHTER-ALL WEATHER WING


Assignments. First Air Force, 1 Jun 1949 (attached to 52d Fighter Wing, All Weather [later, 52d Fighter-All Weather Wing], 1 Jun 1949–); Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950–2 Jun 1951 (remained attached to 52d Fighter-All Weather Wing [later, 52d Fighter-Interceptor Wing] to 2 Jun 1951).


Aircraft. F-82 (of 52d Wing), 1950. 

Operations. Activated in the Reserve in 1949 to train as a fighter corollary of the 52d Wing (Regular Air Force), but apparently undermanned and thus performed very little training. During its only 2-week summer encampment (12–26 Jun 1950), the wing had only four pilots capable of flying F-82s. Even nonflying units of the 84th Wing seem to have been poorly manned, and the 52d Wing made little use of its corollary units. The 84th Wing was ordered to active service on 1 Jun 1951, inactivated the next day, and its few people became “fillers” in other USAF units.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, a flash in pale between in dexter chief a gun sight and in sinister base a drop bomb palewise, all or. Motto: CURSUM PERFICIO—I accomplish my course. (Approved on 22 Jan 1943 for 84th Group.)

86th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

Lineage. Established as 86th Fighter Wing, and activated, on 1 Jul 1948.


Stations. Neubiberg AB, West Germany, 1 Jul 1948; Landstuhl (later, Ramstein-Landstuhl; Ramstein) AB, West Germany, 21 Aug 1952–14 Nov 1968. Zweibrucken AB, West Germany, 1 Nov 1969; Ramstein AB, West Germany, 31 Jan 1973–.


Operations. Provided air defense, primarily in West Germany, Jul 1948–Nov 1968, initially as a wing but later as a division. During its 8 years as an air division, the organization supervised the improvement of a manual radar system to a semiautomatic air weapons control system. From Nov 1969 to Jun 1971, it was charged only with tactical reconnaissance, but added tactical fighter operations later in 1971. In Sep 1975, tactical responsibilities were placed in the 86th Tactical Fighter Group so other wing elements could concentrate on a multitude of "host wing" responsibilities connected with support of numerous military units located in the area of Ramstein AB, West Germany.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, a pile or, the shield edged of the last. Motto: VIRTUS PURAT—Courage will endure. (Approved for 86th Group on 17 Oct 1942.
and, in modified form, for 86th Wing on 27 Jul 1956.)

87th TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM


Assignments. 2d Air Reserve District, 15 Jun 1952–1 Feb 1953.


Operations. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the nonflying 923d Reserve Training Wing. Trained under supervision of 2d Air Reserve District and 2466th Air Force Reserve Training Center, using aircraft of the center. Experienced extreme difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified airmen. Replaced in Feb 1953 by 434th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

89th MILITARY AIRLIFT GROUP


Commanders. Brig Gen Ray J. Stecker, 27 Jun 1949; Lt Col William


Operations. Trained 1949–1951 in the organized Reserve as a troop carrier wing. Ordered to active service in May 1951, the wing was soon inactivated and its people used to fill worldwide vacancies in regular units. Trained 1952–1957 in the organized Reserve as a fighter-bomber wing. From Jan 1966 (after replacing the 1254th Air Transport Wing), served Military Airlift Command as a special mission military airlift wing, charged with providing worldwide airlift for the Executive Department and high-ranking dignitaries of the U.S. Government and of foreign governments as directed. In mid-1975, assumed an additional mission of controlling all T-39 administrative airlift within the United States. Gained a helicopter squadron in Jul 1976 and added rescue and medical evacuation (in the D.C. area) to its mission. In Oct 1976, began training C-12 pilots for units in Alaska and West Germany, and for duty with defense attaché offices and military assistance units. Reduced in size in 1977 through transfer of many aircraft and inactivation of units, and became a group on 30 Sep 1977.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. A shield azure, issuing from base, clouds proper, supporting a sphere of the last, encircled with an orbit argent, lined vert, surmounted by an eagle volant or, wings, head, tail feathers and legs highlighted. Motto: EXPERTO CREDE—Trust one who has had experience. (Approved on 28 Apr 1966.)

90th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM–MINUTEMAN)

Lineage. Established as 90th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 20 Dec 1950. Activated on 2 Jan 1951. Redesignated 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, on 16 Jun 1956. Discontinued on 20 Jun 1960. Redesig-

Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 2 Jan 1951 (attached to 92d Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 2–31 Jan 1951); 21st Air Division, 14 Mar 1951; Department of the Air Force, 20 Jun 1960; Strategic Air Command, 21 Feb 1963; 13th Strategic Missile Division, 1 Jul 1963; 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971–


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Per chevron enhanced reversed azure and light blue a chevron reversed argent bearing six mullets of the first, issuant from base a demi-sphere of the last, rimmed and grid lined of the third surmounted by two olive branches one bendwise and one bend sinisterwise all of the like and overall in pale a missile ascending, terminating in ess or emitting a propulsion frail gules and two lightning flashes one to dexter fess enarinere and one to sinister fess of the like, in chief a pterodactyl in flight, wings elevated of the fourth, eye and tongue of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. **Motto:** IMPAVIDE—Undaunted. (Approved on 29 Sep 1964.)

### 91st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING


**Assignments.** 311th Air Division, Reconnaissance (later, 311th Air Division), 10 Nov 1948; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949; 4th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951; Second Air Force, 11 Sep 1951; 37th Air Division, 10 Oct 1951 (attached to Second Air Force, 10 Oct 1951-17 Mar 1952); 801st Air Division, 28 May 1952-8 Nov 1957. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 810th Strate-
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gic Aerospace Division, 1 Feb 1963; 18th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1963; 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1966 (attached to Advanced Echelon, 3d Air Division, c. 5 Feb–15 Apr 1968); 4th Strategic Missile Division, 30 Jun 1971; Fifteenth Air Force, 30 Nov 1972–14 Jan 1973; 47th Air Division, 15 Jan 1973; 57th Air Division, 22 Jan 1975–.


1947–1977


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Light blue, issuing from sinister base a mailed hand bendwise argent grasping three lightning flashes to chief and one to base or, in dexter base a sphere azure with land areas of the second and grid lines counterchanged of the last and the fourth, overall an entwining olive wreath vert, in dexter honor point a nuclear symbol of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Motto: POISED FOR PEACE. (Approved c. 23 Aug 1963.)
92d BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


1947–1977


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend of the sky proper and sable, in chief between two clouds argent an olive branch vert conjointed in base with a lightning flash gules fimbri-
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ated of the third bend sinisterwise throughout, over all issuant from base an armed hand fesswise grasping a two-edged broad sword bendwise throughout of the first, the hilt alternately or and azure. *Motto: DUPLUM INCOLLIMITATIS—Twofold security. (Approved on 21 Nov 1957.)

93d BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Operations. Maintained combat readiness for global strategic bombardment, Aug 1947–Jul 1948 and Jul 1948–Feb 1956, and aerial refueling, beginning Oct 1950. Was first SAC wing to convert to B-52 aircraft (in 1955–1956). Became SAC’s primary B-52 aircrew training organization, adding KC-135 aircrew training in mid-1956. Served as the sole B-52/KC-135 aircrew training organization for SAC (sometimes extending training to other USAF commands and to friendly foreign nations) except for periods Sep 1959–Sep 1963 and Apr 1974–Mar 1977, when other SAC wings also performed such training. From Apr 1968 to Apr 1974, also operated a special B-52 replacement training unit to support SAC’s B-52 operations in Southeast Asia. Although most of its components were used for aircrew training, after 1956 the 93d Wing sometimes maintained one or more of its units in a pure tactical role, with operational commitments. Notable operations include the deployment of the 93d Bombardment Group to Okinawa in 1948 (the first SAC bomb group to deploy in full strength to the Far East); deployment of its full tactical force, augmented by support personnel, to England, Jul 1950–Jan 1951; deployment of the entire 93d Wing to England, Dec 1951–Mar 1952; aerial refueling and navigational assistance for the Jul 1952 movement of the 31st Fighter-Escort Wing from the United States to Japan (the first jet fighter crossing of the Pacific Ocean); nonstop B-52 flights of some 16,000 miles around North America and to the North Pole in Nov 1956; the first jet aircraft nonstop flight around the world in Jan 1957 (with wing B-52s flying 23,574 miles in 45:19 hours); and a nonstop, unfueled KC-135 flight from Yokota AB, Japan to Washington, D.C., in 13:58 hours in Apr 1958.
Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. Azure, in front of a bend parti per bend sable and argent between two globes of the last with latitude and longitude lines of the second, the one in chief bearing a wreath vert and the one in base bearing a cross of four arrows, points out of the first, gules, or and of the fifth, a lightning flash bend sinister-wise or. (Approved on 4 Sep 1953.)

94th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Stations. Marietta (later, Dobbins) AFB, Ga, 26 Jun 1949–1 Apr 1951. Dobbins AFB, Ga, 14 Jun 1952; Scott AFB, Ill, 18 May 1955; Hanscom Field, Mass, 16 Nov 1957; Dobbins AFB, Ga, 1 Jul 1972–.

1947-1977


Operations. Trained as a light bombardment wing in the Reserve, Jun 1949–Mar 1951. Upon being called to active duty during the Korean war, wing personnel augmented other active USAF units. Trained in the Reserve from Jun 1952, in turn as a tactical reconnaissance, bombardment, troop carrier, and airlift wing. Served briefly on active duty during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. By mid-1958, wing personnel flew airlift missions with C-119s, and after Mar 1959 airlift operations and exercises were flown regularly both in the United States and overseas, including contingency operations in the Dominican Republic in 1965. After converting to C-124s in 1966, flew global airlift missions, including troop and cargo missions to Southeast Asia from 1966 to 1971, augmenting normal airlift resources of Military Airlift Command and Tactical Air Command. After switching to C-7s in mid-1972, the wing’s primary operations involved support of U.S. Army airborne forces, tactical cargo airlift, and air evacuation missions. From Jul 1973 to May 1975, the wing also flew 685 C-7 “Coronet Round-up” missions in Puerto Rico, during which it airdropped 1.2 billion sterile screwworm flies as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture project to eradicate the screwworm menace in Puerto Rico.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a sky proper issuant from base in pale surmounting a cloud mass argent outlined azure and a sphere (base of the first with grid markings of the third, a Minute Man affrontée couped above the ankles silhouetted of the second and winged or, the wings outlined and detailed of the third. Motto: MINUTEMAN WING. (Approved on 19 May 1959.)

95th STRATEGIC WING

Lineage. Established as 95th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 4 Jun 1952. Activated on 16 Jun 1952. Re-designated 95th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 8 Nov 1952. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 25 Jun 1966. Re-


Components. Squadrons. 334th: 16 tanker forces in eastern Canada and


dley, 10 Jul 1975; Lt Col Milo L. Carlson, 14 Jul–30 Sep 1976.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure, a Justin cross throughout argent, over all a feather in bend gules, all within a narrow edge white. Motto: JUSTICE WITH VICTORY. (Approved for 95th Commanders on 26 Feb 1943 and, slightly modified, for 95th Wing on 3 Sep 1957.)

96th BOMBARDMENT WING,
HEAVY
1947–1977


Stations. Altus AFB, Okla, 18 Nov 1953; Dyess AFB, Texas, 8 Sep 1957–.


Operations. Although activated in Nov 1953, wing headquarters and most wing components were not manned un-
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97th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1947 (attached to Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, 1 Dec 1947–12 Mar 1948; 301st Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 17 Mar–16 May 1948); Eighth Air Force, 16 May–12 Jul 1948. Eighth Air Force, 12 Jul 1948 (attached to 7th Air Division, 15 Mar–11 Jun 1952); 810th Air Division, 16 Jun 1952 (attached to 7th Air Division, 5 May–4 Jul 1956); 4th Air Division, 1 Jul 1959; 24th Air Division, 1 Jul 1963; 19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 42d Air Division, 1 Jan 1970; 19th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure a falcon's head erased or, holding in its beak a drop bomb bendwise gules, that portion over the first fimbriated of the second. Motto: E SEMPRE L'ORA—It is always the hour. (Approved for 96th Group on 18 Feb 1943 and for 96th Wing on 22 Mar 1955.)


Operations. Organized in Dec 1947 in Alaska from components deployed there from Kansas. Flew training missions over the Arctic Ocean. Moved to Kansas in Mar 1948 and attached to another bomb wing for further training. Reorganized from very heavy to medi-
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Emblem. On a shield azure, a spear in pale or, point to base, flammant and embowed; the shield is edged of the second. Motto: VENIT HORA—The hour has come. (Approved for 97th Group on 5 Mar 1943 and, in modified form, for 97th Wing on 2 May 1957.)

98th Strategic Wing


Commanders. Lt Col Joseph D. White, 10 Nov 1947 (additional duty [hereafter, addn dy]); Col Albert J. Shower, 17 Nov 1947 (addn dy); Col James E. Briggs, 12 Apr-12 Jul 1948 (addn dy). Col James E. Briggs, 12 Jul 1948 (addn dy); Lt Col James E. Johnson, 18 Aug 1948 (addn dy); Brig Gen James E. Briggs, c. 17 Sep 1948 (addn dy); Col Clifford H. Rees, 17 Mar 1949 (addn dy); Col Richard H. Carnichiel, 16 May 1950 (addn dy); Col Kermit D. Stevens, c. 31 Jul 1950 (addn dy); Col Conrad F. Necrason, (by 29) Aug 1950 (addn dy); Col Clifford H. Rees, (by 26) Sep 1950 (addn dy); Col Conrad F. Necrason, (by 30) Oct 1950 (addn dy); Col Clifford H. Rees, c. 1 Nov 1950 (addn dy), Col Conrad F. Necrason, 6 Jan 1951 (addn dy); Col David Wade, 1 Apr 1951; Col Edwin F. Harding, Jr., c. 15 Sep 1951; Col Lewis A. Curtis, Nov 1951; Col Winton R. Close, May 1952; Col Charles B. Westover, 26 Oct 1952; Col Edgar S. Davis, 17 Jun 1953; Col George L. Robinson, 6 Jul 1953; Col


Operations. From Nov 1947 to Jul 1948 and Jul 1948 to Jul 1954, the 58th Wing headquarters often manned as a "paper" unit with most of its components attached to other establishments for long periods. The wing's tactical group was operational, but under control of other organizations from Nov 1947 to Apr 1950, and again from Aug 1950 to Apr 1951. On 1 Apr 1951 the tactical group became a paper unit, and wing headquarters deployed to Japan to assume control over combat operations of the three tactical squadrons, while the remainder of the wing remained behind, attached to another wing. In Jun 1952, three maintenance squadrons joined the wing in Japan, as did the small rear echelon of wing headquarters that had remained at Fairchild AFB, Wash. Combat operations in Korea involved interdiction of enemy communications and support of United Nations ground forces, as well as propaganda leaflet drops. The wing's last combat mission, flown 25 Jul 1953, was followed 2 days later—on the day of truce—with a propaganda leaflet drop. Remained in Japan in combat-ready status for another year. Meanwhile, wing components not deployed in Japan moved to a reopened base in Nebr to supervise construction in preparation for movement there of deployed wing components. In Jul 1954, after disposing of B-29s in Ariz, the wing headquarters, flying units, and maintenance squadrons moved to Lincoln AFB, Nebr, and for the first time since 1947 all wing components were located at the same base, under wing control. Air refueling operations were already underway in Jul 1944, and the bombardment squadrons prepared to receive B-47s. Participated in SAC's worldwide bombardment training and air refueling commitments for the next decade. Deployed at Lakenheath RAF Station, England, 11 Nov 1955–29 Jan 1956. From Jan 1964 to Apr 1965, the wing also controlled an Atlas ICBM squadron. Inactivated on 25 Jun 1966 at Lincoln AFB but activated the same day at Terron AB, Spain, replacing the 397th Strategic Wing. For the next decade, the wing had no tactical components assigned, but used attached KC-135 tankers and crews furnished by other SAC wings to provide air refueling support to meet operation, alert, and exercise commitments of SAC, TAC, USAFE, and NATO in an area including the eastern Atlantic, most of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle

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East. In Oct 1976, the 306th Strategic Wing, based in West Germany, assumed this support task and the 98th phased down at Torrejon.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1953.


Emblem. Azure, a bend indented between a dexter mailed hand couped at the wrist, in bend, grasping a drop bomb and an olive wreath, all or. Motto: FORCE FOR FREEDOM. (Approved for 98th Group on 29 Jul 1942 and for 98th Wing on 29 Feb 1956.)

99th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. 57th Air Division, 1 Jan 1953 (attached to 3d Air Division, 29 Jan–25 Apr 1956); 477th Air Division, 27 Jul 1969; 45th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–31 Mar 1974.


Commanders. Col Salvatore E. Manzo, 1 Jan 1953; Col Edward D. Edwards, 2 Jul 1954; Col Bryson R. Bailey, 16 Apr 1955; Col John W. Gaff, Jr., 15 May 1956; Col Bryson R. Bailey, (by 10) Jul 1956; Col Selmon W. Wells, 4 Sep 1956; Col Gene F. Oholendt, 7 Oct 1956; Col Selmon W. Wells, 10 Nov 1956; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, 5 Jun 1958; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 3 Aug 1959; Col Olbert F. Lassiter, c. 9 Sep 1959; Col Delmore P. Wood, 19 Sep 1960; Col Gordon F. Goyt, 20 Sep 1960; Col Del-
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Operations. Replaced the 11th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing in Jan 1953. Performed global reconnaissance, Jan 1953-Sep 1956. From Jan 1955 to Feb 1956, one tactical squadron additionally had a FICON (Fighter Interceptor Carrier, Reconnaissance) mission in which GRB-36s tested carrying of RF-84Fs under the fuselage of the bombers to extend the range of the interceptors. Gradually shifted to strategic bombardment training in late 1954. Gained a tanker squadron in Jan 1966 and added air refueling to its mission. The tanker squadron also operated EC-135s used in a PACCS (post attack command control system) role in support of Eighth Air Force until Mar 1970. All tactical and maintenance, and some support resources of the wing, loaned to SAC forces in the Pacific-Southeast Asia area for combat and combat support operations on several occasions beginning in 1967. During the periods c. 1 Oct 1967-c. 1 Apr 1968, c. 22 Sep 1968-c. 21 Mar 1969, c. 15 Mar-c. 22 Jun 1970, and c. 30 Apr 1972-31 Mar 1974, most of the wing's tactical forces and large portions of its support resources loaned to SAC units engaged in combat operations.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, in saltire, a bend rompu arraswise gules garnished argent and a lightning flash or striking from a cloud issuant from sinister chief of the third an atomic symbol in base of the like, all within a diminished bordure gray. Motto: CAVEANT AGGRESSORES—Let aggressors beware. (Approved on 7 Feb 1958.)

100th AIR REFUELING WING, HEAVY
Lineage. Established as 100th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 23 Mar 1953. Activated on 1 Jan 1956. Redesignated: 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing on 25 Jun 1965; 100th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, on 30 Sep 1976.

Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1956; 817th Air Division, 1 Feb 1956 (attached to 7th Air Division, 29 Dec 1957–1 Apr 1958); 12th Strategic Aerospace Division, 25 Jun 1966; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 30 Jun 1971; 12th Strategic Missile (later, 12th Air) Division, 1 Aug 1972; 14th Air Division, 30 Sep 1976–.


Stations. Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Jan 1956; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, 25 Jun 1966; Beale AFB, Calif, 30 Sep 1976–.


out personnel, equipment to Beale AFB on 30 Sep 1976 and absorbed resources of the 17th Bombardment Wing, Heavy. Operated Beale AFB, and provided KC-135Q refueling support: to 9th SRW, worldwide, Sep 1976-. Also provided air refueling as needed to other USAF strategic and tactical forces.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


301st AIR REFUELING WING

WHO FEARS?


Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 5 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Aug 1948; Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1950; 4th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Dec 1952–c. 4 Mar 1953; 5th Air Division, c. 10 Feb–c. 17 Apr 1954); 801st Air Division, 15 Apr 1958; 817th Air Division, 15 Mar 1965; 57th Air Division, 15 Nov 1965; 40th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 42d Air Division, 31 Mar 1970; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973; 42d Air Division, 1 Jul 1975–.

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**Stations.** Smoky Hill AFB (later, AFB), Kans, 5 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Smoky Hill AFB, Kans, 1 Aug 1948; Barksdale AFB, La, 7 Nov 1949; Lockbourne (later, Rickenbacker) AFB, Ohio, 15 Apr 1958—.


to 8 Oct 1972, most of the wing headquarters staff, all tactical aircraft and crews, and most of the maintenance personnel, plus support personnel in various categories, deployed in Southeast Asia, attached to other SAC organizations. A reduced wing headquarters remained in the United States to administer activities of the combat support group and hospital at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. From 19 Dec 1972 to 18 Jan 1973, the wing repeated previous deployed condition on a smaller scale, with deployed resources forming a provisional air refueling squadron in the Philippines.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Light blue, on a chief nebuly azure, four mullets or, on a base nebuly of the second a lightning flash of the third, a spray of laurel bend sinisterargent, superimposed overall and throughout by a flight symbol gules fimbriated of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Motto: WHO FEARS? (Approved on 22 Jul 1959.)

301st TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Stations. Seymour Johnson Field, NC. 15 Oct 1944, Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Nov 1944; Fort Lawton, Wash, 3–6 Jun 1945; Je Shima, Ryukyus, 19 May 1945; Kadena, Okinawa, 29 Nov 1945; Yontan, Okinawa, c. 1 Apr 1946; Bisha Gawa, Okinawa, Nov 1946; Naha AAB
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(later, AB), Okinawa, 12 May 1947–20 Jan 1949. Carswell AFB, Texas, 1 Jul 1972–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Ryukyus.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure two lightning bolts in saltire or behind in pale an Indian spear, head argent, shaft of the second and feathered proper; overall an annulet argent winged of the second and encircling a pommel. (Approved on 19 Dec 1978.)

302d TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


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participated in numerous tactical exercises. In Apr 1973, the wing assumed a rotational airlift task in support of USAF Southern Command, continuing this mission through Jan 1976. Also in Apr 1973, the wing assumed from an active squadron a UC-123 aerial spraying mission, which frequently took wing crews to Central America, the Caribbean, the Azores, North Africa, islands of the Pacific and to many U.S. points for insect-spraying missions.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

303d BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM


Commanders. Col Frederick J. Knorre, Jr., 4 Sep 1951; Col David Wade, 9 Oct 1951; Col John K. Hester, 14 Jan 1952; Col Manford J. Wetzel, 26 Jan 1953; Maj Henry G. Bussing, 2 Feb 1953; Col Manford J. Wetzel, 6 Feb 1953; Col John K. Hester, 30 Mar 1953; Col William J. Wrigglesworth, 12 Jun 1954; Col Donald W. Saunders, 19 Nov 1954; Col Lloyd H. Dalton, Jr., 25 Aug 1956; Col William W. Jones, 8 Dec 1956; Col Landon E. McConnell, 6 Oct 1956.
1958; Col William C. Bacon, 1 Nov 1958; Col Max W. Rogers, 1 Jan 1962–15 Jun 1964.


Service Streamers: None.

Campaign Streamers: None.


Emblem. Azure, a diminutive pile between four flashes of lightning, two issuing palewise from chief and one from dexter and sinister chief sides chevronwise inverted, issuing from base a burst of five rays, all or. Motto: MIGHT IN FLIGHT. (Approved for 303rd Group on 9 Jan 1943 and for 303rd Wing on 11 Dec 1951.)

305th AIR REFUELING WING


Assignments. Second Air Force, 2 Jan 1951; 6th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (attached to 7th Air Division, 4 Sep–5 Dec 1953; 5th Air Division, 3 Nov 1955–8 Jan 1956 and 7 Jan–8 Mar 1957); Second Air Force, 1 Jun 1959; 17th Air Division, 15 Jul 1959; 19th Air Division, 1 Jan 1961; 825th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 42d Air Division, 1 Jan 1970; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–


Stations. MacDill AFB, Fla, 2 Jan 1951; Bunker Hill (later, Grissom) AFB, Ind, 1 Jun 1959–.

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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Celeste, issuing from base a demi-sphere argent, gridlined and rimmed azure, below an arched cloud of the second, overall issuing upward. The 305th was redesignated 305th Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 11 Aug 1948. Activated on 1 Sep 1950. Redesignated 305th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, on 1 Apr 1963. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1974. Redesignated 306th Strategic Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 14 May 1976; redesignated 306th Strategic Bombardment Wing, Medium, on 1 Jul 1977.


Stations. MacDill AFB, Fla, 1 Sep 1950; McCoy AFB, Fla, 1 Apr 1963–1 Jul 1974. Ramstein AB, West Germany, 15 Aug 1976–.

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**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Light blue, issuant from sinister base an eagle ascending bendwise azure, head and neck argent, beak or, eyed of the second, grasping in its beak an olive branch of the like and emitting from its eye an electronic flash bend sinisterwise or, above the eagle's head a pattern of ten mullets of five points argent, issuing from sinister fess points argent, issuing from sinister fess and surmounting the body of the eagle an air refueling ice shield arraswise gray garnished argent and azure, above a canton or fimbriated argent bearing the Indian symbol for rattlesnake's jaws gules and a chief dancette of the second between two triangular armor plates gray bolted argent, all within a diminished bordure gold. *Motto: ABUNDANCE OF STRENGTH.* (Approved on 10 Nov 1977.)

**307th STRATEGIC WING**
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Commanders. Col Bayard Johnson, 15 Aug 1947; Brig Gen Donald R. Hutchinson, c. 5 Sep 1947; Col Bayard Johnson, 28 Apr 1948; Brig Gen Donald R. Hutchinson, 17 May 1948–12 Jul 1948. Brig Gen Donald R. Hutchinson, 12 Jul 1948; Col Bayard Johnson, 16 Mar 1949; Brig Gen James E.

**Operations.** Replaced the 94th Combat Bombardment Wing, VHB (Provisional), and other organizations in Aug 1947. From Aug 1947 until 12 Jul 1948, and from 12 Jul to 15 Dec 1948, the 307th Wing controlled in addition to its own units the 82d Fighter Wing at Greiner Field, NH. From Sep 1947 to Jul 1948, and Jul 1948 to Aug 1950, trained other SAC combat units in antisubmarine warfare. From Feb 1949 through Aug 1950, operated a B–29 transition training school for SAC units, and provided combat crew standardization training for SAC units, Nov 1949–Aug 1950. The wing’s 307th Bombardment Group deployed to Okinawa in Aug 1950 for combat operations under FEAF Bomber Command, Prov. ...1. The attached 306th Bombardment Group transferred to its parent wing on 1 Sep 1950, and until 10-Feb 1951, the 307th Wing had no tactical mission. In that date, wing resources were used to man the 6th Air Division at MacDill, and the wing deployed without personnel to Kadena, where it absorbed resources of the 307th Bombardment Group and began “wing combat missions. By the end of hostilities, the wing (including its tactical group) had flown 5,810 combat sorties during 573 combat missions. The wing remained in the Far East in combat ready status, and on 15 Aug 1953, Kadena AB, Okinawa, became its permanent base. Returned to the United States in Nov 1954, disposing of B–29s at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, en route to a new base in Nebr. Gained B–47 and KC–97 aircraft in 1955, and, until Jan 1965 when the wing began phasing out for inactivation, conducted strategic bombardment training and air refueling op-
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308th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-TITAN)

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1953. Vietnam Winter-Spring, '70; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emblem. Azure, a four-petalled dogwood bloom slipped or. (Approved for use 8 Jul 1953–15 Jun 1959.)


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Insignia.** Light blue, a pale gules fimbriated argent between in fess a mullet of 12 points of the last bearing a turt voided of the third and a cloud formation of the last emitting three lightning flashes to base or, on a chief per chevron inverted of the fourth,


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 1956-1 Jan 1959

Emblem. On a blue shield between two 45° triangles with the long sides facing each other and placed diagonally from upper right to lower left, three white stars. In the upper triangle a white mailed right hand grasping a red lightning lash and in the lower triangle a white dove in flight to base carrying a green and black olive branch in its beak, hand and dove outlined in black; in a row across the bottom of shield 10 small white stars. The shield and triangles bordered with black, edged with white against the blue. (Approved on 7 Jan 1954.)

312th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Commanders. Col James B. Buck, 1 Oct 1954; Col Henry H. Norman, Jr., 17 Jul 1955; Col Donald J. M. Blaklee, 20 Aug 1955; Brig Gen William M. Momyer, c. 18 Sep 1955; Lt Col James M. Miller, 8 Oct 1957; Col Arlie J. Blood, 14 Oct 1957; Lt Col Richard L. Ryan, 15 Nov 1957; Col Arlie J. Blood,


Operations. Trained to maintain proficiency in fighter-bomber operations with conventional weapons until Sep 1955, then trained to maintain combat proficiency with atomic weapons. From Apr 1956 to Oct 1957, rotated tactical squadrons to France, 6 months at a time. Also furnished units for TAC composite air strike forces in the Far East. 1957–1958. Replaced by 27th TFW in Feb 1959.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield azure an eagle volant or, carrying with his talons a futuramic bomb argent, fire exhaust proper, and a branch of oliv Vert. (Approved on 30 Nov 1958.)

313th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend azure and gules the silhouette of a stylized winged aircraft or, charged with a mullet of the first between six mullets, three and three, of the third. (Approved for 313th Group on 3 Feb 1943 and for 313th Wing on 18 Jun 1953.)

314th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Assignments. Ninth Air Force, 1 Nov 1948; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1949; Tactical Air Command, 1 Aug 1950; Eighteenth Air Force (Troop Carrier) (later, Eighteenth Air Force), 1 Jun 1951; Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1957; 839th Air Division, 8 Oct 1957 (attached to 315th Air Division [Combat Cargo], 22–26 Jan 1966); 315th Air Di-


Stations. Smyrna (later, Sewart) AFB, Tenn, 1 Nov 1948–c. 15 Jan 1966; Kung Kuan (later, Ching Chuan Kang) AB, Taiwan, 22 Jan 1966–31 May 1971; Little Rock AFB, Ark, 31 May 1971–.

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Emblem. Azure, in base on a pale or, between in bend sinister two open parachutes argent, a globe proper extending over the pale and surmounted by an escutcheon gules, a bendlet of the second, a bordure sable, overall in pale issuing from a bank of clouds proper in chief a left hand of the last grasping a sword of the third belted vert, all within a bordure gold. (Approved on 17 Jun 1954.)

315th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (ASSOCIATE)

Operations. From activation until Dec 1965, served as a primary troop carrier unit in the eastern United States, involved in joint airborne training with Army forces, developed assault airlift operations, and participated in aerial demonstrations, exercises, maneuvers, and joint operations. Wing operations extended worldwide. From Jan 1966 to May 1971, operated from Taiwan to provide passenger and cargo airlift throughout the Far East and combat airlift in Southeast Asia. Returned to the United States in May 1971 and again served as a principal airlift unit involved in worldwide airborne training, airlift, and special operations. Since Aug 1971, has served as the primary C-130 training organization for Department of Defense agencies and aircrews of selected foreign states.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Operations. Flew troop and cargo airlift and airdrop, leaflet drop, spraying, air evacuation, search and rescue, and other allied missions between Japan and Korea during the Korean war. Continued airlift in Japan, Korea, French Indo-China, and other points in the Far East from Jul 1953 to 14 Dec 1954.

Replaced 943d Military Airlift Group (Associate) on 1 Jul 1973 and became affiliated with the 437th Military Airlift Wing, with Reserve aircrews flying aircraft of the regular unit.

Service Streamers. Korean Theater.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII.


Emblem. Per fess nebuly light blue and argent fimbriated or on the first three mullets of five points fesswise of the third above an aircraft fesswise of the second in base a globe per pale argent and azure, grid lines counterchanged, all within a diminished bordure of the third. (Approved on 7 Nov 1973.)

316th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

Emblem. Azure, nine parachutes argent, three, two, three, and one, all within a bordure per bend or ard gules. Motto: VALOR WITHOUT ARMS. (Approved for 316th Group on 17 Aug 1951 and for 316th Wing on 14 Dec 1965.)

317TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


aircrews in the AWADS for a C-130 squadron in Europe.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Or issuant from chief a dexter arm, fist clenched inflamed proper, in base a fire of seven tongues of the last, on a chief nebuly azure, three piles of the first. Motto: I GAIN BY HAZARD. (Approved for 317th Group on 22 Dec 1942 and for 317th Wing on 15 May 1958.)

319th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Squadrons. 46th: 1 Feb 1963–. 905th Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1963–.


Col George D. Moore, Jr., 9 May 1973;
Col Burr V. Miller, Jr., 24 May 1974;
Col Donald D. Johnson, Jr., 6 May 1975;
Col John A. Brashear, 4 Apr 1977–.


Operations. Replaced 514th Troop Carrier Wing in Oct 1949. Performed Reserve training until ordered to active service in Mar 1951, when wing personnel were used to fill other USAF units. Replaced 8710th Pilot Training Wing in May 1955. Performed Reserve training and, from Jul 1956 through Aug 1957, maintained two F–84s on “runway alert” at Memphis Municipal Airport under operational control of 20th Air Division, Air Defense Command. Replaced by 445th Troop Carrier Wing in Nov 1957. Replaced 433d Strategic Wing in Feb 1963. Conducted global bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet SAC commitments.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, a mailed fist couped raguly gray, grasping a torch in pale of the like on a chevron or is a flight symbol edged sable, the torch enflamed proper, all within a diminished bordure or.
Motto: DEFensoRES LIBE–TATIS—Defenders of freedom. (Approved on 6 Jan 1964.)

320th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. 12th Air Division, 1 Dec 1952–15 Sep 1960 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Jun–4 Sep 1954; 3d Air Division, 5 Oct 1956–11 Jan 1957); Department of the Air Force, 16 Sep 1960–14 Nov 1962; Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 47th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 44th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Dec 1965; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1965–14 Nov 1962; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1972–.


442d: 1 Dec 1952–15 Sep 1960 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Jun–4 Sep 1954; 3d Air Division, 5 Oct 1956–11 Jan 1957); Department of the Air Force, 16 Sep 1960–14 Nov 1962; Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 47th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 44th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Dec 1965; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1965–14 Nov 1962; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1972–.

443d: 1 Dec 1952–15 Sep 1960 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Jun–4 Sep 1954; 3d Air Division, 5 Oct 1956–11 Jan 1957); Department of the Air Force, 16 Sep 1960–14 Nov 1962; Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 47th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 44th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Dec 1965; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1965–14 Nov 1962; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1972–.

444d: 1 Dec 1952–15 Sep 1960 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Jun–4 Sep 1954; 3d Air Division, 5 Oct 1956–11 Jan 1957); Department of the Air Force, 16 Sep 1960–14 Nov 1962; Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 14th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 47th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 44th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Dec 1965; 47th Air Division, 1 Oct 1965–14 Nov 1962; 14th Air Division, 1 Oct 1972–.

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(not operational, 1 Jul-15 Sep 1960).


Stations. March AFB, Calif, 1 Dec 1952-15 Sep 1960. Mather AFB, Calif, 1 Feb 1963-.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, three four-pointed stars or, trimmed argent, in fess enhanced, per fess debased dovetailed, dark azure, lower edge of dovetail fimbriated sable, in base, a bomb with a burst of four points, point downwards gules. Crest: A torch sable, trimmed argent, flamant or and gules, winged or; the base of the torch superimposed over the c . . . e of the shield. Motto: STRENGTH THROUGH AWARE-
NESS. (Originally approved on 23 Nov 1951 for 106th Bombardment Wing, Medium; officially transferred to 320th Wing, by mutual consent of both units, on 5 Dec 1952.)

321st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING


Operations. Absorbed resources of 4042d Flying Training Wing in late

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Light blue, on a pile fimbriated gold between in base a wreath of laurel in dexter and a wreath of olive in sinister, each of eight leaves gold garnished brown, six stars three, two, gold and one white with a red disc in center; all within a diminished bordure gold. Motto: SKILL–PROFESSIONALISM–DETERMINATION. (Approved on 27 Dec 1963.)

322d BOMBARDMENT WING, TACTICAL

Lineage. Established as 322d Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 23 Mar 1953.
Assignments. None.
Components. None.

322d TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING

Components. Squadrons. 7th Special
ISM–DETERMINATION. (Approved on 27 Dec 1963.)


**Stations.** Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 1 Jan 1970-30 Jun 1975.


**Operations.** Replaced 7310th TAW on 1 Jan 1970. From Jan 1970 to Jun 1975, used rotational C-130 squadrons for tactical airlift in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Used C-118s and C-131s for aeromedical airlift until late 1972, then shifted to C-9As for this work. Continued aeromedical airlift operations through Mar 1975. Used KC-135 (VIP equipped) to provide transportation for CINCUSAFE until early 1973, followed by KC-135B until early 1974 and by C-135C thereafter. Used VT-29 aircraft to support Air Force North (AFNORTH), a NATO component. In Mar 1973, the wing gained the 7th Special Operations Squadron, equipped with C-47, UH-1H, and C-130E aircraft, all but the C-130s transferred a few months later, to conduct unconventional warfare operations in Europe. Wing replaced by 435th TAW in Jun 1975.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** None.

**Emblem.** Tiers of five piles, three conjoined between two transposed counterchanged. *Motto: RECTO FACIENDO NEMINEM TIMEO—I fear none in doing right.* (Approved for 322d Group on 9 Jan 1943.)

323d FLYING TRAINING WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per pale azure and gules a globe arraywise light blue, grid lined argent within the arced envelopment of a pair of stylized wings in base, conjoined or garnished of the third, in dexter...
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325TH FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)


Operations. Air defense of the U.S. west coast. During 1950, controlled a troop carrier squadron and from 6 May 1950 to 8 Jun 1951, provided training for elements of a troop carrier wing. From 9 Feb to 1 Jul 1968, had a large detachment at Osan AB, South Korea, to provide air defense.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Per fess, sable and azure, a fess arched, argent, upper line nebuly, overall a lightning flash or, issuing from dexter chief. Motto: LOCARE ET LIQUIDARE—Locate and liquidate. (Approved for 325th Group on 1 Oct 1951 and for 325th Wing on 5 Mar 1957.)

328th FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. Per bend azure and or, three delta-shaped projectiles bendwise respectively of the first, counterchanged and of the second between in chief a three-pronged lightning flash radiant from sinister chief of the last, the field stewn with stars argent, and in base a cloud of the first charged with a dexter gauntlet grasping a sword palewise over all proper, all within a diminished bordure gold. (Approved for 328th Group on 24 Nov 1958.)
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330th TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

332d FIGHTER WING


Operations. Replaced 447th Composite Group and 580th Air Service Group in Jul 1947. Participated in firepower demonstrations, gunnery training, and operational missions to main-

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. Azure on a fess nebule or, a panther passant sable armed and incensed gules. Motto: SPIT FIRE. (Approved for 332d Group on 15 Jan 1943.)

340th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Second Air Force, 20 Oct 1952; Eighth Air Force, 1 Jul 1955 (attached to 7th Air Division, 13 Sep–3 Nov 1955); Second Air Force, 1 Jan 1959; 17th Air (later, 17th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 15 Jul 1959; 4th Air Division, 1 Sep 1963 (attached to 19th Air Division, c. 1–31 Aug 1964); 19th Air Division, 1 Sep 1964–2 Oct 1966.


Operations. Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 4224th Air Base Squadron in Oct 1952. Devoted to supervision of base rehabilitation and new construction until May 1954, through 340th Air Base Group. During this period, the wing headquarters, tactical and maintenance squadrons were minimum-manned “paper” units. Com-
menced initial tactical operations in March 1954. Phased down at Whiteman AFB, Mo, in mid-1963 and moved without personnel or equipment to Bergstrom AFB, Texas, absorbing resources and mission of former 4130th Strategic Missile Wing. Continued global strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations until October 1966.

Assignments. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1955; 819th Air Division, 1 Feb 1956-25 Jun 1961 (attached to 3d Air Division, 9 Jan-c. 4 Apr 1958). Strategic Air Command, 1 Jul 1961; 22d Air Division, 15 Jul 1961; 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1962; 813th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1964; 18th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1966; 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 2 Jul 1968; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 47th Air Division, 15 Jan 1973-.


Commanders. Col Anthony J. Perna, 1 Sep 1955; Col Frank P. Sturdivant, c. 3 Dec 1955; Col Calvin E. Hoehler, c. 31 Oct 1957; Col Anthony J. Perna, c. 1 Nov 1957; Col Jack W. Hayes, Jr., 9 Jun 1959; Col Ralph T. Holland, 3 Feb-25 Jun 1961. None (not manned), 1-14 Jul 1961; Col Burton C. Andrus, Jr., 15 Jul 1961; Brig Gen Lawrence S. Lightner, 20 Feb 1963; Col Rex Dowtin, 1 Jul 1964; Col Thomas F. Doyle, 3 Jun 1966;

341st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-MINUTEMAN)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. A shield per fess nebuly, azure and argent, in chief two cloud formations proper, one issuing from the dexter and one issuing from the sinister, in base three stars of five points, of the first, two and one, all surmounted in fess, with an ear of wheat proper and a lightning flash, gules in saltire, an edge around the shield sable. Motto: ANYWHERE-ANYTIME. (Approved on 12 Sep 1955.)


**Service Streamers.** None. 

**Campaign Streamers.** None. 


**Emblem.** On a shield per fess nebuly azure and argent, a semece of stars in chief of the last, overall in pale a sheathed sword proper, the rim of the sheath and winged hilt and pommel or; the blade entwined with a girdle of the last; the sword point downward between two bolts of lightning radiating upward gules; overall, in base a branch of olive vert, detail vein lines or. Motto: PAX ORBIS PER ARMA AERIA—World peace through air strength. (Approved on 5 Jun 1957.) 

342d FIGHTER-DAY WING 


**Stations.** Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jul-19 Nov 1956. 

**Commanders.** Col Robert G. Emmons, 25 Jul 1956; Col Francis S. Gabreski, 10 Sep-19 Nov 1956. 

**Aircraft.** RF-80, 1956; T-33, 1956. 

**Operations.** The wing activated in Jul 1956 when Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, was still in process of being reopened. During its short existence, the wing—which inherited a small cadre from the 4434th Air Base Squadron—endeavored to reach operational capability. Two tactical groups, each with three squadrons, were under wing control, but none of these squadrons achieved operational status before the wing inactivated. 

**Service Streamers.** None. 

**Campaign Streamers.** None. 

**Decorations.** None.
345th BOMBARDMENT WING, TACTICAL

Emblem. None. Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a disc azure, an orle argent surmounting all the head, in profile, of an Apache, proper, wearing a feathered headdress of the second, with markings gules, and a string of animal's teeth of the second. Motto: AIR APACHES. (Approved for 345th Group on 21 May 1954 and for 345th Wing on 29 May 1958.)

347th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Operations. Trained to maintain combat proficiency in locating, attacking, and destroying targets from all altitudes and under all conditions of weather and light.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.
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**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Per bend argent and sable, on the first a silhouette of a knight in armor palewise, armed with a shield and lance all of the second, overall issuing from base in pale a semi-sphere checky of the first and of the second, supporting three knights (chess pieces) of the first mounted on a base of three arcs palewise or, gules and azure, all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 26 Mar 1967.)

### 349th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (ASSOCIATE)


1947–1977


Operations. The 349th Wing has been ordered to active service three times. During the Korean war, the wing was called up and then inactivated, its personnel used as fillers in other wings. During the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, the wing served a month on active duty. The third mobilization followed the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo and lasted well over a year, during which time the wing airlifted vital cargo to the Far East, Southeast Asia, and points in Europe and the Middle East. The wing flew its own aircraft until becoming an associate wing in 1969; since then it has flown aircraft of the regular units with which it is associated. From 1969 to 1973, the wing and its components worked with Twenty-Second Air Force and the 60th, 62d, and 63d Military Airlift Wings. Since 1973 the wing has been associated only with the 60th MAW at Travis AFB, Calif.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Sable, abased a sphere light blue grided lined azure, surmounted by a wyvern with wings elevated and addorsed or, emitting three flames of the last, each within a puff of smoke argent, grasping in its dexter paw parachute straps of the last of a combat-ready paratrooper of the third and all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. Motto: IN OMNIA PARATUS—Prepared for all things. (Approved on 2 Sep 1960.)
351st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-MINUTEMAN)


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 9 Aug 1962; 17th Strategic Aerospace (later, 17th Strategic Missile; 17th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Feb 1963; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–.


Stations. Whiteman AFB, Mo, 1 Feb 1963–.


Operations. Supervised missile training operations and coordinated construction of SM–80B (later, LGM–30B) Minuteman I missile facilities, 1 Feb 1963–29 Jun 1964. First missile arrived 14 Jan 1964 and was emplaced in its silo 2 days later. Last flight (of 15) accepted on 29 Jun 1964, giving the wing 150 fully operational missiles. The 508th SMS became combat-ready on 5 Jun, the 509th SMS on 10 Jun, and the 510th SMS on 29 Jun 1964. Meanwhile, as the 340th Bombardment Wing phased down for inactivation, the 351st SMW phase


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 9 Aug 1962; 17th Strategic Aerospace (later, 17th Strategic Missile; 17th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Feb 1963; 4th Strategic Missile (later, 4th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–.


Stations. Whiteman AFB, Mo, 1 Feb 1963–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, issuant from sinister base a hemispheric with axis bendwise or, rimmed and grid lined sable, surmounted by three spires bendwise gules and of the third, in chief a lightning bolt bend sinisterwise of the fourth, and in dexter flank an arched olive branch vert, all within a diminished bordure of the second. Motto: SENTINELS OF PEACE. (Approved on 7 Feb 1964.)
354th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


**Operations.** Replaced the 342d Fighter-Day Wing in Nov 1956. Switched from fighter-day to fighter-bomber training in Jul 1958. From Jul 1958 through Apr 1966, had one or more squadrons constantly deployed overseas. During the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, part of the wing manned a provisional air division at McCoy AFB, Fla. During the Dominican Republic crisis of 1965, the 354th deployed over 400 people and 18 F–100s to Ramey AFB, PR, and San Isidro AB, Dominican Republic. The conflict in Southeast Asia drained wing strength; one squadron moved to Japan in Nov 1965, another to Spain in Apr 1966, and another to South Vietnam in Aug 1966, leaving the wing with a single flying unit. This last squadron moved to South Vietnam in Apr 1968. The mobilized ANG 113th TFW moved to Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, in Apr 1968, absorbing resources of the 354th. The 354th had no units and existed primarily on paper until it moved to South Korea in early Jul 1968 to replace the 4th TFW. There, it was remanned primarily by ANG people on active duty under 4th TFW control. When the 4th TFW departed, the 354th assumed active F–100 operations. Its two ANG squadrons returned to the United States in Jun 1969, and for 10 days in South Korea the wing was again without tactical components. Several rotational squadrons provided needed tactical force after this brief lapse. On 14 Jun 1970, the 354th passed its resources to the 54th TFW and returned to the United States without personnel or equipment, absorbing resources of the 4554th TFW at Myrtle Beach AFB. Charged with T/AT–33 combat crew training and with becoming proficient with A–7 aircraft, on 10 Oct 1972 the wing split into Advance and Rear echelons, both under the wing commander, with each echelon having a designated commander. The Advance element moved to Thailand and commenced combat operations in Southeast Asia on 16 Oct 1972. The split-wing status continued until 23 May 1974;
During this period tactical units rotated between Thailand and the United States. Recombined at Myrtle Beach, the 354th continued routine A-7 operations until 1977, when it converted to A-10 aircraft.


1947–1977

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Defense; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V.
Emblem: Azure on a pile issuing from sinister throughout or, flames of fire proper charged with a dagger fesswise point to dexter of the second. Motto: OUR MIGHT ALWAYS. (Approved on 16 Mar 1943 for 355th Fighter Group; used by wing, in slightly altered format since Jul 1962.)

360th STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

Lineage. Established as 360th Strategic Fighter Wing on 23 Mar 1953.
Assignments. None.
Components. None.
Stations. None.
Commanders. None.
Aircraft. None.
Operations. Never made active.

363d TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING

COMBAT WINGS


1947–1977


Campaign Streamers. None.

**Emblem.** A shield quarterly, first quarter checky, argent and gules; second and third quarters, azure; fourth quarter gules, a lion rampant or, armed and langued azure, all within a diminutive of the bordure or. Wreath of the colors, argent and gules. *Motto:* VOIR C’EST SAVOIR—To see is to know. (Approved on 16 Jun 1952.)

**366th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING**

![Emblem of the 366th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING]


1947-1977


gained F-111A aircraft from a wing at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII.


Emblem. Gules, a pile azure fimbriated or between in base four flight symbols ascendant pie wise two in dexter and two in sinister, one over one, and bearing in honour point an escutcheon vert charged with a fleur-de-lis between six crosses, three in dexter and three in sinister, all or, within a bordure of the like; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Motto: AUDENTES FOR-TUNA JUVAT—Fortune favors the bold. (Approved on 8 Aug 1965.)

369th STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

Lineage. Established as 369th Strategic Fighter Wing on 23 Mar 1953.
1947–1977

Sep 1950–); 314th Air Division, 1 Dec 1950 (remained attached to Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, to 25 Jan 1951); 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo), 25 Jan 1951; Military Air Transport Service, 1 Jul 1957; Pacific Air Forces, 27 Jun 1966; 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo), 8 Aug 1966; 313th Air Division, 1 Nov 1968; 327th Air Division, 31 May 1971; Thirteenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1973; Twenty-Second Air Force, 31 Mar 1975–.


OPERATIONS. Operated Harmon Field, Guam, Aug 1948-Mar 1949, and provided troop carrier operations in the Pacific and Far East. Moved to Japan in Mar 1949, assuming control over Tachikawa (later, Tachikawa AB), which it operated until 1 Jan 1956. Performed routine transport operations until the outbreak of war in Korea in Jun 1950. With assigned and attached components, performed combat airlift, airdrops, and aeromedical evacuation in Korea throughout the war. Also flew courier flights throughout the Pacific area. Transferred the first of several groups of repatriated prisoners of war from Korea to Japan in Apr 1953 (Operation Little Switch), and subsequently transported United Nations prisoners of war (Operation Big Switch) from North Korea. Following hostilities, the wing resumed its normal troop carrier and airlift operations in the Far East and Pacific area, including participation in tactical exercises and humanitarian missions. Operated in Indo-China (now Vietnam) in 1954, flying in observers, maintenance personnel, and liaison officers and evacuating wounded French troops. Trained C-46 pilots of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force, Nov 1954-May 1955. On 1 Jul 1957, transferred to Military Air Transport Service and inactivated, replaced in part by 1503d Air Transport Wing. Nine years later, in Aug 1966, replaced the 6315th


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Operations Group at Naha AB, Okinawa, and assumed a mission heavily involved in airlift to Southeast Asia, as well as intra-theater airlift for elements of the Pacific Command. In addition, the wing supported Army Special Forces training, participated in tactical exercises, and flew search and rescue and humanitarian missions as needed. The wing phased down for inactivation in early 1971 and from 27 Apr to 31 May had no aircraft. On 31 May, the wing replaced the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing in Taiwan. Saved from inactivation and revived with new resources, the 374th remained heavily committed to support of operations in Southeast Asia, and also continued routine airlift in other areas. One of the wing's humanitarian missions—flood relief in the Philippines—earned it a Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation in 1977. The wing provided support in Mar 1973 for Operation Homecoming, the repatriation of American prisoners from Hanoi, North Vietnam. The wing maintained a forward operating location in Thailand until mid-1976, and was quite active in that area. It took part in Operation Baby Lift (evacuation of Vietnam orphans) and Operation New Life (evacuation of Vietnamese refugees) in Apr 1975. During the recovery of the SS Mayaguez from the Cambodians in May 1975, a wing aircraft dropped a 15,000-lb bomb on Koh Tang Island to create a helicopter landing area. The wing became part of the Military Airlift Command on 31 Mar 1975, at which time it gained an aeromedical airlift mission in the Far East.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First
UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter, Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1953.


**Emblem.** Per bend azure and or, in chief a hand couped in armour, holding a dagger, point upward, issuing from its handle an arrow and a wheat stalk or, in base a winged foot azure. *Motto:* Celeriter Pugnare—Swiftly to fight. (Approved for 374th Group on 3 Jul 1951 and for 374th Wing on 20 Dec 1951.)


Operations. Reserve flying training, Jun 1949-Oct 1950. On active duty, wing participated in troop carrier/airlift operations and paratroop drops and other exercises, Oct 1950-Jul 1952. Reserve training, Jul 1952-Nov 1957. Conducted domestic aeromedical airlift/evacuation operations in the United States, Alaska, and off-shore areas of the North Atlantic and the Caribbean from Jan 1966 for MAC. other Department of Defense agencies, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Veterans Administration (VA), with the C-9 Nightingale as principal mission aircraft beginning in 1969, and augmented by aircraft of ANG (1968) and other MAC units. Used missions to train personnel of ANG and Reserve in aeromedical evacuation. Between Jan 1966 and Apr 1975 wing maintained and scheduled support aircraft at Scott AFB, Ill, and from Aug 1966 to Apr 1975 wing used mostly aircrews of other Scott-based units to provide scheduled air shuttle/courier service to the east and west coasts. From Jan to Sep 1968 and since Jun 1973 wing operated and maintained Scott AFB. Airlifted over 700 VA hospital patients from Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss, to safety during Hurricane Camille in Aug 1969; during Project Homecoming in early 1973 the wing flew 119 sorties to airlift some 350 U.S. POWs to 26 hospitals in the United States. In Oct 1973 an aeromedical evacuation center, established under wing control at Scott AFB, assumed the functions previously handled by smaller centers at Scott, McGuire AFB, NJ, and Travis AFB, Calif. In Apr 1975, when the aeromedical evacuation support units in West Germany and the Philippines came under wing control, the wing became the single-point manager for worldwide DOD aeromedical evacuation services.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. Gules, a pile reversed throughout azure, overall an eagle displayed with wings inverted or, grasping in both talons a sphere of the second grid markings bendwise argent Motto. DESUPER ADUIMENTUM—Help from above. (Approved on 31 Jan 1966.)

376th STRATEGIC WING

Assignments. 4th Air Division, 1 Jun 1951 (attached to 21st Air Division, 1 Jun-10 Oct 1951); 801st Air Division, 3 Dec 1957-15 Mar 1965. Eighth Air Force, 1 Apr 1970; 3d Air Division, 1 Jan 1975-.


Stations. Forbes AFB, Kans, 1 Jun 1951; Barksdale AFB, La, 10 Oct 1951; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, 1 Dec 1957-15 Mar 1965. Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Japan), 1 Apr 1970-.

Commanders. Col Cecil E. Combs, 1 Jun 1951; Col Frederick J. Sutterlin, c. 15 Apr 1952; Col Clifton Pyle, 23 Apr 1952; Col Frederick J. Sutterlin, May 1952; Col Jt. P. Proctor, c. 1 Aug 1953; Col John C. Jennison, Jr., 4 Jan 1954; Col Robert T. Calhoun, 8 Jan 1954; Col John W. Carroll, 1 Feb 1954; Col John C. Jennison, Jr., 4 Feb 1954; Lt Col Elmon R. Cobb, 15 Feb 1954; Col John P. Proctor, 4 Mar 1954; Col Stephen D. McElroy, 1 Jul 1955; Col Robert W. Strong, Jr., 1 May 1957; Col Ralph J. White, c. Nov 1957; Col Woodrow P. Swancutt, 1 Dec 1957; Col Charles L. Wimberly, 1 Apr 1959; Col Alan F. Adams, 22 Jul 1961-15 Mar 1965. Brig Gen Alan C. Edmunds, 1 Apr 1970; Col Jack A. Weyant, 2 Sep 1970; Col Dudley G. Kavanaugh, 30 Aug 1972; Col Raymond L. Horvath, 10 Sep 1974; Col Lyman E. Buzard, 30 Sep 1977-.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon.


**Emblem.** Azure, in base, a stylized winged sphinx or, shaded tenne, and fimbriated azure, on a terra cotta mound sanguine, in dexter chief a bomb or, point downward, charged with a roundle and a lozenge, sanguine, a triangle azure and a square sanguine, ill within a diminutive of a border or. **Motto:** LIBERANDOS. (Approved on 8 Nov 1951.)

### 377th AIR BASE WING

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It was replaced on 20 Jun 1972 by Detachment 1 of the wing headquarters, which continued the F–4 turn-around service and added A–7 turn-around service on 30 Oct 1972. The detachment continued operations through 11 Feb 1973. Wing phased down for inactivation, Feb–Mar 1973, transferring many assets to South Vietnamese Air Force.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV: TET Off/Counteroffensive, Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


**Emblem.** Light blue, a bend triparted argent, and azure, between in chief a flight symbol of the last fimbriated argent, emitting a vapor trail fess-wise to sinister chief and bend sinister-wise to base passing under the triparted bend all azure, and in base a plate rimmed and gridlined azure surmounted by a tiger's head affronte couped or garnished brown and argent with mouth gules, all within a diminished bordure or. *Motto:* SERVING FREEDOM'S FINEST. (Emblem approved on 17 Jul 1967; motto approved on 31 Jul 1969.)
COMBAT WINGS

379th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1955 (attached to 813th Air Division, 1 Nov 1955–31 May 1956); 823d Air Division, 1 Jun 1956 (attached to 5th Air Division, 6 Mar–12 May 1957); 40th Air Division, 9 Jan 1961–.


Stations. Homestead AFB, Fla, 1 Nov 1955; Wurtsmith AFB, Mich, 9 Jan 1961–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. On a shield per bend azure and gules, on a lightning bolt per bend throughout, or, seven stars per bend argent; all between a dart, with three stars arched and an atomic symbol encircled by nine stars, all of the last. Motto: DILIGENTIA ET ACCURATIO—Precision and accuracy. (Approved on 23 Aug 1956.)

380th BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM


Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 11 Jul 1955; 820th: Air (later, 820th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Feb 1956 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Apr–3 Jul 1957); 817th Air Division, 25 Jun 1965; 45th Air Division, 1 Jul 1968; 817th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 45th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–.


Stations. Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 11 Jul 1955–.


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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, two cloud formations argent, fesswise, one issuing from dexter enhanced, one from sinister abased, surmounted by a sword in pale, point to base, or, hilt, grip and ponimell gules, entwined with an olive branch vert. Motto: STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE. (Approved on 26 Nov 1956.)

381st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM–TITAN)


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 29 Nov 1961; 42d Air (later, 42d Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Mar 1962; 17th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1963; 12th Strategic Missile Division (later, 12th Air) Division, 30 Jun 1971; 19th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–.

Components. Squadrons. 532d: 1 Mar 1962–, 533d: 1 Aug 1962–.

Stations. McConnell AFB, Kans, 1 Mar 1962–.


Missiles. Titan II, 1963–.

at McConnell AFB, Kans, on 1 Jul 1972.  
Service Streamers. None.  
Campaign Streamers. None.  
Emblem. Per pale gules and azure, a pale argent surmounted by two olive branches, one in dexter flank and one in sinister flank, conjoined in middle base and extending to chief vert, overall in honor point a globe of the field with land masses and rim sable surmounted by a missile palewise of the like trailing a vapor stream to base of the first, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Motto: PEACE, POWER, AND PROTECTION. (Approved on 19 Sep 1962.)

384th AIR REFUELLING WING, HEAVY

Assignments. 825th Air (later, 825th Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Aug 1955–1 Sep 1964 (attached to 7th Air Division, 3 Jan–5 Apr 1957). 12th Strategic Missile (later, 12th Air) Division, 1 Dec 1972; 19th Air Division, 1 Jul 1973–.  

Stations. Little Rock AFB, Ark, 1 Aug 1955–1 Sep 1964. McConnell AFB, Kans, 1 Dec 1972–.  
Operated out of McConnell AFB, Kans, from Dec 1972. Deployed
KC-135 aircraft and crews on a worldwide basis, engaging in actual and sim-
ulated tactical and strategic operations, including air refueling support for the
evacuation of South Vietnamese and Americans from Vietnam in 1975.
Maintained proficiency in air refueling in support of SAC units and other units
as directed.
Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 15 Feb–30 Dec 1957; 1 Jul
Emblem. On a shield of the sky, between two cloud formations in chief
and one in base throughout proper, five stars, one, two, and two or, the one in
chief emitting a ray to each star of the like voided azure, and a lightning flash
palewise to base point gules fimbriated argent, all within a diminutive border of
the last. Motto: KEEP THE SHOW ON
THE RCAD. (Approved on 9 Apr 1958.)

385th STRATEGIC AEROSPACE
WING

Lineage. Established as 385th Strategic Aerospace Wing, and activated, on
15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Jan 1963. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15
Dec 1964.
Assignments. Strategic Air Com-
mand, 15 Nov 1962; 918th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jan 1963–15 Dec
1964.
1947–1977

388th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Commanders. Lt Col Thomas O. Crandall, 23 Nov 1953; Col Clayton L. Peterson, 15 Dec 1953; Col Harold J.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; FE 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt
VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emblem. Per bend azure and gules, on a bend or, a lightning flash sable. The shield is supported by two wings light blue, feathered and detail black, below the shield on a scroll the motto. Motto: LIBERTAS VEL MORS—Liberty or death. (Approved on 11 Mar 1955.)

389th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM–ATLAS)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, issuant from dexter base a demi-globe dark blue in front of a cloud in fess throughout dark gray and bendwise in pale overall a missile ascendant argent tipped gules and finnea or emitting to base three flashes of the fifth; all within a diminished bordure dimidiated of the sixth and of the second. (Approved on 15 May 1962.)

390th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM–TITAN)
COMBAT WINGS


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 28 Nov 1961; 12th Air (later, 12th Strategic Aerospace; 12th Strategic Missile; 12th Air) Division, 1 Jan 1962–.

Components. Squadrons. 570th: 1 Jan 1962–. 571st: 1 May 1962–.

Stations. Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, 1 Jan 1962–.


Emblems. Per pale argent and azure, V originating in dexter flank and arched to chief an olive branch vert, in sinister stations. Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz, three mullets chevronwise to dexter of the first, over all in base a cloud gules enfiled by an open mailed hand with fingers outstretched, the finger tips surmounted by a missile both palewise of the first, all within a diminished bordure or. Motto: NON NOBIS SOL-UM—Not for ourselves alone. (Approved on 2 Mar 1964.)

392d STRATEGIC MISSILE WING


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 28 Nov 1961; 12th Air (later, 12th Strategic Aerospace; 12th Strategic Missile; 12th Air) Division, 1 Jan 1962–.

Components. Squadrons. 570th: 1 Jan 1962–. 571st: 1 May 1962–.

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392d STRATEGIC MISSILE WING


Operations. Reserve corollary of 47th Bombardment Wing, Light, 1949. Formed in 1961 to control missile training operations, but eliminated by reorganization of 1st Strategic Aerospace Division.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

397th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Operations. Replaced the 4038th Strategic Wing in Feb 1963. Conducted bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet SAC commitments.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Sable, a bend azure, in dexter base a demi-sphere or, grid lines of the first, issuing from the sphere and arched to dexter chief a trail argent terminating behind an aircraft bend sinisterwise between two three-pointed stars all of the like, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Motto: CUSTODES LIBERTATIS—Guardian of freedom. (Approved on 30 Oct 1963.)
401st TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Assignments. 834th Air Division, 25 Sep 1957; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Apr 1959 (attached to Air Division Provisional, 4481st, 1 Jan–30 Jun 1964); 834th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964; Sixteenth Air Force, 27 Apr 1966–.


Stations. England AFB, La, 25 Sep 1957–22 Apr 1966; Torrejon AB, Spain, 27 Apr 1966–.


Aircraft. F-84, 1957; F-100, 1957–1970; F-4, 1970–.

Operations. From Sep 1957 to Apr 1966, the wing participated in numerous firepower demonstrations, tactical exercises and maneuvers in the United States and overseas, and deployed its tactical squadrons to bases in Europe and the Middle East in support of NATO. From 19 Oct to 5 Dec 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis, all wing tactical and support elements not deployed overseas operated from Homestead AFB, Fla. From Feb 1964 to Nov 1965, squadron deployments shifted to the Far East and Southeast Asia in support of operations in that area, then returned to support operations in Europe-Middle East. The wing moved to Spain in Apr 1966, and from Torrejon AB continued NATO support by keeping deployed tactical squadrons on alert status. The only break in this status came during conversion from F-100 to F-4 aircraft in 1970.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

1947–1977

Emblem. Azure, within a diminutive border argent a sheaf of four lances bend sinisterwise of the last, surmounted by a fess chequy sable and of the second overall a bend wavy vert, gules, or and of the first each fimbriated silver. Motto: CAELUM ARENA NOSTRA—The sky is our arena. (Approved on 9 Sep 1958.)

402d FIGHTER-DAY WING

Lineage. Established as 402d Fighter-Day Wing on 23 Mar 1953.
Assignments. None.
Components. None.
Stations. None.
Commanders. None.
Aircraft. None.
Operations. Never made active.
Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. None.

403d RESCUE AND WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE WING


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**Stations.** Portland Apt (later, Intl Apt), Ore, 27 Jun 1949–25 Mar 1952; Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1952–1 Jan 1953. Portland Intl Apt, Ore, 1 Jan 1953; Selfridge AFB (later, ANG Base), Mich, 16 Nov 1957–.


**Operations.** Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing until called to active service in Apr 1951, then trained to gain combat proficiency. Moved to Japan in Apr 1952 and for remainder of that year supported troop carrier and tactical airlift requirements of the Far East Command and United Nations. Inactivated in Japan and activated at Portland Intl Apt on 1 Jan 1953, again as a Reserve wing. Until Nov 1957, trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing. Moved without personnel or equipment to Selfridge AFB, Mich, in Nov 1957, absorbing resources of another Reserve wing. Continued training as a Reserve troop carrier wing, beginning the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program in Apr 1958. Participated in many tactical exercises and humanitarian missions. Had a 1-month tour of active duty during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Assumed an additional mission of tactical air support and trained with U–3A for a short period in 1969. Had no components (except its headquarters) from 31 Dec 1969 to 1 Jan 1970. Assumed a tactical air support and special operations mission in Jun 1970, using O–2, U–3, and A–37 aircraft. Lost O–2, U–3, and A–37 aircraft in 1971 and gained C–130s for tactical airlift missions. For the next 5 years, the wing performed tactical airlift operations, participating in many exercises and humanitarian missions. Flights were made on a global basis, many to Southeast Asia. Shifted to a rescue and recovery mission in 1976, controlling all four Air Force Reserve rescue squadrons. In Jan 1977, added weather reconnaissance to its mission.

**Service Streamers.** Korean Theater. Campaign Streamers. None.


**Emblem.** Azure, two hands in bend sinister proper, the upper a dexter hand
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issuing from a cloud argent and holding an olive branch of the second, a lightning flash or and a sword sable, the lower sinister hand in profile issuing from a fan indented of seven sections, which in turn issue from base, above the cloud four mullets of four points of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Motto: SPECTATE AD CAELUM—Look to the skies. (Approved on 9 Jan 1953.)

405th FIGHTER WING


sive fighter operations in the Philippines, Taiwan, and other Far Eastern
points, Apr 1959–Jun 1962. Operated Clark AB and its satellite facilities, Apr
From mid–1962 until the end of the conflict in Southeast Asia, frequently
deployed assigned and attached components to bases in Southeast Asia for air
defense and combat operations under operational control of other organiza-
tions. When not so involved, components trained in air defense and other
tactical exercises in Taiwan and the Philippines. During Jul–Aug 1972,
provided extensive flood relief to Philippine areas inundated by monsoon
rains. During Feb–Mar 1973, provided medical, logistical, and administrative
support for former prisoners of war, on their way to the United States from

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1960–30 Jun 1961;
5 Aug 1964–31 Mar 1965. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21

**Emblem.** On a shield azure, a sphere argent, land marking and grid lines sa-
bie, surmounted by a bend gules, charged with a lightning flash or, between a fleur-de-lis of the last and two olive branches in saltire, proper, all
within a diminutive bordure of the second. *Motto*: MOVERE ET AG-
GREDI—Deploy and attack. (Approved on 10 Nov 1955.)

### 406th TACTICAL FIGHTER TRAINING WING

**Lineage.** Established as 406th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 25 Jun 1952.
Activated on 10 Jul 1952. Redesignated 406th Fighter-Interceptor Wing on 1

**Assignments.** 3rd Air Force, 10 Jul 1952–15 May 1958 (attached to Twelfth
Air Force, 10 Jul 1952–31 Mar 1954; RAF Fighter Command, 1 Apr 1954–15

**Components.** *Group.* 406th: 10 Jul 1952–1 May 1956. Squadrons: 87th: at-

**Stations.** RAF Station Manston (later, RAF Manston), England, 10 Jul

**Commanders.** Col Philip P. Ardery, 10 Jul 1952; Col George F. Ceuleers, 13
Oct 1952; Col Conrad J. Herlick, 26 Oct 1952; Col William S. Harrell, 15 Jun


Operations. Replaced 123d Fighter-Bomber Wing in Jul 1952. Trained in fighter-bomber and air defense operations, 1952–1953. Provided air defense in the United Kingdom, 1954–1958, and in the Netherlands, 1954–1955. Phased down for inactivation, 15 Feb–15 May 1958. Replaced 406th Tactical Fighter Training Group in Jul 1972. Assumed responsibility for operating and maintaining Zaragoza AB, Spain, and associated gunnery ranges and air combat tactics training area. Combat units of the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) sent weapons training detachments to Zaragoza for training. These detachments were fully supported, and temporarily controlled, by the 406th TFTW, although the wing had no tactical squadrons or aircraft permanently assigned. In addition to range training, attached detachments often participated in tactical exercises. Beginning in Sep 1972 the wing also operated the USAFE Tactical Forces Employment School, and in May 1976 began operating the USAFE Instructor Pilot School. Weapons training detachments were principally F–4 aircraft, although F–111s used the wing’s ranges for a short period in 1974 and U.S. Navy A–7s also used range facilities in Jun 1974, operating temporarily from Zaragoza. From 1 Nov to 17 Dec 1976, and 2 Jan to 2 Mar 1977, OV–10 detachments used the ranges, and from 15 Nov to 17 Dec 1976, and 5 Jan to 29 Apr 1977, F–5s also used the ranges. The 406th TFTW began full maintenance support of a SAC KC–135 detachment on a permanent basis in Nov 1976.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, a bend gules fimbriated argent, overall a dexter hand in spiked mail gauntlet palewise proper, grasping a three-pronged lightning flash or and surmounted at the cuff by a chain of four links of the 1st. Motto: ASCENDE ET DEFENDE—Rise and defend. (Approved on 14 May 1953.)

407th STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING


Stations. Great Falls (later, Malmstrom) AFB, Mont, 18 Dec 1953–1 Jul 1957.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield azure, over an Indian bow and arrow proper, in saltire, an Indian shield argent, edged black, charged with a war bird gules, mark-ings sable, 12 feathers pendent from the base of the shield, proper. (Approved on 1 Jun 1955.)

408th STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

Lineage. Established as 408th Strategic Fighter Wing on 23 Mar 1953.

Assignments. None.

Components. None.

Stations. None.

Commanders. None.

Aircraft. None.

Operations. Never made active.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, a lightning bolt, bendwise, or, between two jet-like eagles volant proper with trailing speed vapor proper. Motto: DEFEND WITH VIGILANCE. (Approved for 408th Fighter Group on 22 May 1957.)

410th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY

Lineage. Established as 410th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, and activated,

Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 40th Air Division, 1 Feb 1963; 4th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964; 40th Air Division, 31 Mar 1970–.

Components. Squadrons. 46th Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1963–. 644th: 1 Feb 1963–.

Station. K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich, 1 Feb 1963–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per quarter light blue and azure, within a pattern of five mullets, one in dexter chief and one in sinister base o’ the last, one in sinister chief, one in dexter base and one in middle base argent, a circular pattern of 12 mullets, 10 of the last, one at 10 o’clock and one at 4 o’clock of the second, the mullets circling a globe of the first, rimmed and gridlined of the second (rim argent on second and third quarters), on the globe a winged bomb gules surmounted by a lightning bolt bendwise or bearing three mullets of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. (Approved on 17 Jul 1964.)


Operations. Trained to maintain combat readiness by participation in tactical exercises, firepower demonstrations, joint training with U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps units, and tactical evaluations. Provided augmentation of Sixteenth Air Force, in Spain, through deployment of assigned squadrons on a rotational basis.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Argent, within a diminutive border per border of the like and azure a sheaf of broad swords points upward gules of the second, vert and or, all with hilts of the first. Motto: SIVA (Hindu god of destruction). (Approved for 413th Group on 26 Apr 1955 and for 413th Wing on 29 Jan 1958.)

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416th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 6th Air Division, 1 Feb 1963; 57th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966; 817th Air Division, 2 Sep 1966; 45th Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 40th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; 45th Air Division, 1 Jul 1971–

Components. Squadrons. 41st Air Refueling: 1 Feb 1963–. 668th: 1 Feb 1963–.

Stations. Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Feb 1963–.

Col Caryl W. Calhoun, 30 May 1974; Col Jack L. Watkins, 3 Jul 1974; Col George P. Tynan, 1 Aug 1975; Col Richard J. Kiefer, 15 Jul 1977–.


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield divided diagonally from the viewer's lower right to upper left, light blue on the viewer's left, a bend convergent to sinister base blue, black on the viewer's right, in the lower right an Air Force blue demi-sphere with diagonal axis, grid lined and rimmed white below two stylized yellow aircraft outlined Air Force blue ascending to the viewer's upper left. In the top of the shield, arched to the viewer's right, three white stars, one on the blue portion and two on the black. Around the shield a narrow yellow border. (Approved on 2 Mar 1964.)

419th TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM


Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per pale azure and vert, on a pile argent a point in point reversed gules between the wings of an eagle volant, sable, his head and detail of the third, grasping with his talons the left hand of a Roman warrior and lowering him to base: the warrior holding a
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sword in his right hand; all between three stars, argent, one in chief, one in dexter base, one in sinister base. (Approved for 419th Group on 25 Jun 1957.)

432d TACTICAL DRONE GROUP


Organized as 432d Tactical Drone Group in Jul 1976 to perform photographic reconnaissance and to support tactical air and surface forces with tactical drones. Used AQM-34/L/M/V drones, DC-130 launch vehicles, and CH-3 recovery helicopters. Conducted follow-on testing and evaluation of the AQM-34V model drone and initial operational testing and evaluation and developmental testing and evaluation of the DC-130H "mother ship." Supported testing and evaluation of the BQM-34C drone at Hill AFB, Utah.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Emblem. On a shield gules, a stylized owl, holding in his dexter claws two lightning bolts in saltire, all sable, detail of the field. Motto: On a red scroll lettered black: VICTORIA PER SCIENTIAM—Victory through knowledge. (Approved for 432d Group on 2 Jun 1955 and for 432d Wing on 4 Aug 1955.)

433d TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Operations. Trained in the Reserve, Jun 1949–Oct 1950. Ordered to active service and served TAC for several months before moving to Europe to serve USAFE, primarily participating in tactical exercises and special missions. Inactivated in mid-1952. When activated in the Reserve in 1955, replaced a pilot training wing. Until 1958, depended upon an active Air Reserve Flying Center for assistance, then became self-supporting under the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program. By 1958, participating in numerous tactical exercises and flying airlift missions as well as training with Army special forces. By the mid-1960s, the wing was operating on a global basis to perform airlift and exercise missions. One wing component had a special mission of delivering sterile screwworms to Puerto Rico, while another component conducted USAF’s C–130A pilot and flight engineer school, used not only by reservists but by all Department of Defense C–130 operators.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul–31 Dec 1964. Re-


Emblem. Or, on and over a demiglobe issuant from base azure with land areas light blue three lightning flashes gules chained of the first and suspended from a parachute of the second; in chief above a constellation of 10 mullets bendwise 4, 3 and 3 of the second a front view of the Alamo of the like winged argent, all within a diminished jordure of the last fimbriated. (Approved on 7 Jul 1961.)

434th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

nated 434th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Oct 1973.


with a forward air controller training mission. Wing inactivated in Dec 1969 but was activated in Jan 1971 and charged with becoming proficient in A-37 fighter-bomber aircraft. Provided combat crew training in A-37s for all USAF and selected foreign aircrews. Trained as fighter-bomber unit to provide close air support for ground forces.

**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.


**Emblem.** Azure, a base embattled fesswise throughout or masoned of the first below a demi-sun issuing from sinister chief of the second and a pattern of four mullets of five points in dexter chief argent, issuing from base a demi-sphere of the last, gridlined of the first supporting a hurt charged with a mullet of five points argent, on which is centered a torteau enveloping the hurt and arced to dexter chief, four jet streams vert, gules, azure and maroon, all fimbriated argent, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved on 30 Jun 1975.)

**435th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING**


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Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing from Jul 1949 to Feb 1951, and again from Dec 1952 to Dec 1958 under supervision and guidance of the 2585th Air Force Reserve Training Center (later, 2585th Air Reserve Flying Center). From Mar 1951 to Dec 1952, the wing served on active duty with Tactical Air Command and trained C-46 aircrews for assignment to the Far East. The 435th was replaced by the 456th Troop Carrier Wing in Dec 1952 and itself replaced the 482d TCW as the Miami-based Reserve wing. By 1956, the wing was capable of flying overseas missions, particularly in the Caribbean area to Central America. Began the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program in Apr 1958 and became able to operate independently by Dec 1958. Two squadrons converted to C-124s in 1961 just before being ordered to active service. After training to become combat ready, participated in worldwide airlift and tactical exercises. Returned to Reserve status in Aug 1962 and regained C-119 squadron that had not been on active duty. Switched completely to C-119s in 1963. Inactivated in 1965. From Dec 1968 to Jul 1975, served as a support wing of Military Airlift Command, operating air terminals and providing aircraft maintenance at aerial ports in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Combined with a tactical wing in Jul 1975, while continuing to function as a tactical and support wing, gained the mission of aeromedical evacuation in Europe and the Middle East.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend sinister argent and azure, four flight symbols fesswise in bend sinister of the first garnished of the second between in dexter flank a stylized figure of the last supported by an opened parachute celeste below in chief a cross couped gules winged fesswise of the field garnished silver, and issuing from base in para a demiglobe celeste gridlined argent below in sinister flank a crate on a platform all or, roped and garnished celeste, all within a diminished bordure gold. (Approved on 4 Oct 1976.)
436th MILITARY Airlift Wing


Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing Jun 1949–Apr 1951 under supervision of the 2236th Air Force Reserve Training Center, and again during May 1955–Nov 1957 under supervision of the 2230th Air Reserve Flying Center. In between, ordered to active service and inactivated almost immediately, personnel serving as fillers for other USAF units. Replaced the 160th Air Transport Wing in Jan 1966 as the MAC host wing at Dover AFB, Del. Initially flew C–124, C–133, and C–141 aircraft, but gradually re-


placed C-124 and C-133 types with C-5s. By mid-1973, flew only the C-5. Participated in joint training with Army forces, including troop and cargo drops and landings; took part in numerous tactical exercises in the United States and overseas, particularly in support of NATO; flew aeromedical evacuation, humanitarian, and mercy missions, special weapons airlift, and worldwide airlift of personnel, cargo, and mail. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, flew numerous missions to Southeast Asia, although primary wing routes served Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. On a shield or, bordered argent, an American bald eagle volant, azure, highlighted bluebird, his wings superimposed over the border, airlifting with his talons a sphere of the second, fimbriated, longitude, latitude lines, grappling iron attached to upper area of sphere, all of the fourth. Motto: ROBUSTUM AUXILIUM—Powerful support. (Approved on 14 Jul 1966.)

437th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING


Stations. Chicago–Orchard Aprt (later, O'Hare Field–Chicago Intl Aprt), Ill, 27 Jun 1949; Shaw AFB, SC, 14 Aug–16 Oct 1950; Brady Field, Jap-
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Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing under supervision of the 2471st Air Force Reserve Training Center, Jun 1949–Aug 1950 and Jun 1952–Nov 1957. Served between Aug 1950 and Jun 1952 on active duty. After concentrated training in the United States, moved to Japan and flew combat airlift missions, 10 Nov 1950–10 Jun 1952. Helped evacuate threatened airfields, hauled gasoline, napalm, and other explosives, dropped cargo and paratroops, flew spraying missions to rid areas of insects, and flew routine courier missions until replaced by another wing in Jun 1952. Replaced the 1608th Air Transport Wing in 1966 as the MAC host wing at Charleston AFB, SC. Flew joint training missions with Army forces, aeromedical evacuation missions, mercy and humanitarian missions as needed, and airlifted personnel, cargo, and mail worldwide, primarily to Europe, the Middle East and Africa, but also to South America. Participated in numerous tactical operations and exercises, particularly those of NATO. From 1966 to the early 1970s, flew numerous missions to the Far East and Southeast Asia. Wing aircrews were augmented by attached Reserve aircrews.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer–Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1952.


Emblem. On a yellow shield, within a narrow blue border and a narrow white border, a running “Minute Man” with rifle at high port, all in blue silhouette, in front of a pair of wings elevated and conjoined. (Approved on 24 Nov 1953.)

438th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING

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Operations. Replaced the 1611th Air Transport Wing, Heavy, in Jan 1966. Transported military cargo, mail, and passengers worldwide, particularly in the eastern United States, Atlantic, European, and Mediterranean areas, with frequent special missions to the Arctic, the Antarctic, South America, the Far East, and to the Southeast Asia combat area during the conflict there.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. A shield per fess nebuly abaisse, azure and argent, two flanches
representing hemispheres proper, latitude and longitude lines of the first, superimposed with three stylized aircraft, of the second, flying in pale, detail of the third. Motto: FIDELITAS PROELIIS DOMIQUE—Dependability in war and peace. (Approved on 16 May 1966.)

439th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier organization under supervision of 2242d Air Force Reserve Training Center, 1949–1951. Ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951 and inactivated 2 days later, personnel being used as USAF fillers, worldwide. Trained as a Reserve fighter-bomber organization under supervision of 2242d Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center, 1952–1957. Replaced 901st and 905th Tactical Airlift Groups at Westover AFB, Mass, in Apr 1974 and assumed mission of Reserve tactical airlift, special operations, SAC satellite support, and aeromedical evacuation. Replaced SAC's 4040th Air Base Squadron as.
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host organization at Westover AFB on 1 May 1974. Participated in tactical exercises, global airlift, and humanitarian missions. Gained a separate tactical group, plus responsibility for operating the military portion of Niagara Falls Intl Aprt, NY, on 25 Jan 1976.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, between in chief a pair of wings conjoined in laure and in base three billets or, 2 chevron gules fimbriated argent, all within a diminished bordure of the second. (Approved on 13 May 1974.)

440th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing, Jun 1949–May 1951, as a Reserve fighter-bomber

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Argent, on and over the upper edge of a targe azure bearing Polaris and Ursa Major of the field within an orle or, a winged viking helmet of the like, behind the targe a sword and spear in saltire of the last all detailed and fimbriated of the second; all within an orle of the last and a diminished border gold. Motto: NUNQUAN NON PARATUS—Never unprepared. (Approved on 14 Nov 1958.)

441st TROOP CARRIER WING, MEDIUM


Stations. Chicago-Orchard Aprt (later, O'Hare Field-Chicago Intl Aprt), Ill, 27 Jun 1949–14 Mar 1951.


Operations. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing under supervision of the 2471st Air Force Reserve Training Center.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. None.

442d TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING

Lineage. Established as 442d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 10 May 1949. Activated in the Reserve on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. A bend light blue and gules, a bendlet argent, overall an ellipsoid azure gridlined with the latitude lines terminating into arrows on each end of the third, in chief three mullets fesswise of the last, all within a diminished bordure or. *Motto: SI JEUNESSE SAVAIT, SI VIELLESSE POUVAIT—If youth knew, if age were able. (Approved on 23 Jan 1963.)

**443d MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, TRAINING**


**Assignments.** Twelfth Air Force, 27 Jun 1949; Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1950; Tactical Air Command, 2 May 1951; Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Jun 1951–8 Jan 1953. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965; Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1973–.


**Stations.** Hensley Field, Texas, 27 Jun 1949; Donaldson AFB, SC, 9 Aug 1951–8 Jan 1953. Tinker AFB, Okla, 8 Jan 1966; Altus AFB, Okla, 5 May 1969–.


**Operations.** Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing under supervision of the 2596th Air Force Reserve Training Center, Jun 1949–Apr 1951. On active duty, May 1951–Jan 1953; participated in tactical exercises and operations, trained C–46 aircrews for assignment to the Far East, and worked closely with other troop carrier wings to test and evaluate new troop carrier doctrine and procedures. Replaced the 1707th Air Transport Wing, Heavy, in Jan 1966. Became the primary USAF wing charged with training air and ground crews of C–124 and C–141 transports, while simultaneously maintaining a capability to perform airlift operations worldwide. C–124 training diminished in 1967 and ceased in 1968, but C–5 air
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and ground crew training began in late 1969.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Light blue in fess point two wings conjoined elevated and displayed to chief or enveloping an arc of six mullets argent, the wings surmounted by a mullet of the last bearing a torteau, overall issuing from base a cover azure rolled and unfurled pilewise displaying a light blue reverse, surmounted by a lamp gray enflamed gules and or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved on 3 Jul 1967.)

445th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING
(ASSOCIATE)


Operations. Trained as an Air Force Reserve organization to maintain operational proficiency as a fighter-bomber unit, 1952–1956, and as a troop carrier (later, military airlift) unit, 1956–1971. On active duty during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 and during the period of international tension following the Pueblo incident, 1968–1969. Supported Tactical Air Command during the former period and the Military Airlift Command during the latter period. Commanders of the wing were collocated at BUFFALO until Nov 1957. From Nov 1957 to Jun 1971 operated primarily from a base in northern Ga, but with many of its tactical and support components based in other states. Not operational, 1 Apr–29 Jun 1971. Replaced 944th Military Airlift Group (Associate) in Jul 1971. Associated with the 63d Military Airlift Wing of the regular establishment, whose C-141s were flown and maintained in part by Reserve personnel.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per chevron gules and or, in pale a gauntlet argent grasping a lightning bolt palewise and two arrows saltirewise sable, on a chief azure a fillet of the third thirteen mullets six and seven of the like, all within a diminution border of the last. Motto. READINESS IN RESERVE. (Approved on 10 Jan 1964.)

446th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (ASSOCIATE)

Lineage. Established as 446th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 11 Apr 1955. Activated in the Reserve on 25


associated with the 62d Military Airlift Wing, whose C-141s were flown and maintained in part by Reserve personnel.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, between in base a pair of wings displayed argent and dark blue, charged in the center with a bezant, and in chief a skystreak proper, surmounted in the center by a mullet or with three rays to fess point of the second, a constellation consisting of twelve mullets in the form of a diamond of the third, and in fess bendwise overall a sword of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the second. (Approved on 3 Aug 1960.)

448th FIGHTER-BOMBER WING


Operations. Trained as a Reserve bombardment wing under supervision of the 2347th Air Force Reserve Training Center, 1949–1951. Lost more than half of its personnel in the call-up of another wing in Aug 1950. Ordered to active service in Mar 1951, but personnel used as fillers in other units. Replaced the 8708th Pilot Training Wing in May 1955 and trained as a Reserve fighter-bomber wing until inactivated in 1957.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

449th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY
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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem: A shield divided into a horizontal gray embattlement in base just below the horizontal center and diagonally from the viewer's upper right to lower left above the embattlement, the top portion medium blue and the bottom portion black, the upper portion bearing a yellow lightning bolt originating along top of the shield to the viewer's right and extending along the division line between the blue and black areas. Around the shield a narrow white border. Motto: NUMQUAM NON PARATUS—Never unprepared. (Approved on 7 Feb 1964.)

450th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY

![Emblem of 450th Bombardment Wing, Heavy]


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Argent, on a chief dovetailed azure between two mullets of the first, a lightning flash bend sinisterwise or, overall issuant from base in pale a sword of the first, guard of the third and handle striped bendwise gules and dark blue, the sword entwined by an olive branch vert and surmounted in fess by two orbital rings of the fourth and one of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved on 7 Feb 1964.)
451st STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-TITAN)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, above a portion of a sphere in sinister base with axis bend-wise light blue, grid lines argent, an orbiting missile arras-wise in bend of the third enflamed proper, emitting to chief and to base a lightning flash gules and trailing from its point four shock waves two and two of the third, sprinkled with nine mullets of the like above in base a wreath vert, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Motto: EXEMPLUM PROFERIMUS—We serve as an example. (Approved on 29 Jun 1962.)

452d AIR REFUELING WING

1957; 452d Military Airlift Wing on 1 Apr 1972; 452d Air Refueling Wing on 1 Oct 1976.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First
UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea Summer-Fall, 1952.


Emblem. Or, on a hurt spattered with mullets argent and lying a border rayon in armor of the first and detailed brown, grasping a lance point to chief flying a pennant fesswise also of the first outlined azure. Motto: LABOR AD FUTURUM—Work for the future. (Approved on 10 Feb 1960.)

454th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


continued to operate Columbus AFB, Miss. Began phasing down for inactivation in May 1969 and ceased flying operations 2 days before inactivation. 

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Quarterly, first and fourth quarters azure, on a bend sable, between two mullets or, a lightning flash point inward of the last, second quarter argent, issuant from sinister a mail gauntlet bendwise of the third, third quarter of the fourth, a pennant bendwise gules flying from a pole of the second with a spearhead of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Motto: DETER Go & DESTROY. (Approved on 19 Aug 1963.)

455th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-MINUTEMAN)


Operations. Prepared for operational capability with intercontinental ballistic missiles, Nov 1962-Mar 1964. First missile arrived on 6 Sep 1963 and was emplaced 3 days later. The 150th missile was emplaced in its silo on 26 Feb 1964 and by late Mar 1964, the wing became combat ready. Maintained combat readiness until replaced by 91st Strategic Missile Wing in Jun 1968.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Argent on a chief nebuly light blue some of mullets of the first a laurel branch arched fesswise or, overall between in base two lightning flashes parewise gules, in fess a sphere of the first and of the second with grid lines counterchanged surmounted by a missile palewise azure emitting a vapor trail to base of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved c. Oct 1963.)
456th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Operations. Replaced 435th Troop Carrier Wing, a Reserve unit released from active duty, in Dec 1952. From then until early 1955, participated in numerous tactical exercises in the United States and overseas, mostly in conjunction with Army airborne forces. Reorganized on 1 Mar 1955. The tactical group and all support components inactivated and the wing assumed control over three tactical squadrons plus
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three squadron-size detachments, each squadron/detachment having eight specially modified C-119s and manned for self-sufficient operations. Participated in Project Drag Net, part of Project C-119L. The wing’s task was to perform air recovery of balloon-borne instrument packages. From c. 22 Apr 1955 to 26 Mar 1956 the wing was controlled by the 1st Air Division (Meteorological Survey) in support of the high-altitude research program. Wing headquarters moved to Shiroi AB, Japan, and components were located at other points in Japan, the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, and Okinawa. On 26 Mar 1956 the wing was released from its attachment to the 1st Air Division and on 10 May began its return to the United States. At Ardmore AFB, Okla. the 456th Wing was attached to the 463d Troop Carrier Wing until the 456th inactivated in Jul 1956. Eight years later the 456th, redesignated as a strategic aerospace wing, replaced the 4126th Strategic Wing at Beale AFB, Calif, and assumed a mission of strategic bombardment training and air refueling. It also controlled a Titan I strategic missile squadron until early 1965. The wing’s bombardment and air refueling squadrons frequently deployed aircraft and crews to meet USAF requirements, often having nearly all of their resources scattered around the world at various operating locations. Inactivated in Sep 1975 and replaced by the 17th Bombardment Wing.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Emblem. Azure, within a diminished bordure argent, in bend a flight symbol throughout arched to chief dark blue fimbriated of the second, between in chief an atom symbol of the third garnished gules and in base superimposed upon a lightning flash bendwise of the last highlighted or, a laurel branch bend sinisterwise of the like. (Approved on 23 Aug 1972.)

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460th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING


Assignments. Pacific Air Forces, 2 Feb 1966; 2d Air Division, 18 Feb 1966; Seventh Air Force, 1 Apr 1966–31 Aug 1971.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteoffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt 'V'; Commando Hunt VI.


**Emblem.** Per fess gules and azure a fess rampu bambu rayonce to chief in flank or, in chief on and over a bar argent two swords in salitare, argent hilted or surmounted by a crown of the last at the end, in base a winged orb argent centered by a hurt emitting to chief and base three rays or all within a diminished bordure of the like. (Approved on 30 Aug 1966.)

461st BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY

**Lineage.** Established as 461st Bombardment Wing, Light, on 11 Dec 1953. Activated on 23 Dec 1953. Redesig-


Operations. Organized to increase air support of ground forces and air interdiction during the Korean War. Although the Air Force envisioned equipping the 461st with B–57s, these were unavailable at the time of activation. The 461st therefore received the B–26. The wing trained assigned units and personnel for light bombardment and tactical bombardment proficiency. Participated in actual and simulated exercises involving the deployment of aircraft and crews. Wing also operated Blytheville AFB, Ark, from 8 Apr 1956 to inactivation in 1958. Activated at Amarillo AFB, Texas, in 1963, the 461st absorbed the personnel and equipment of the inactivating 4128th Strategic Wing. Trained with B–52s to maintain heavy bombardment proficiency, and participated in numerous operational readiness inspections and actual and simulated exercises as directed by the Strategic Air Command. Deployed B–52 aircraft and crews to Anderson AFB, Guam, 18 Jan–4 Jul 1967, for combat operations in Southeast Asia. Maintained combat proficiency until 21 Jan 1968 when last B–52 transferred. Inactivated on 25 Mar.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. A shield per bend azure and light blue, superimposed over the bend a thunderbolt, bendwise, or, piercing through a cloud formation proper, over an increscent moon to the sinister chief,
and a sun to the dexter base of the third; on a chief argent, over a bar to base of chief, embattled gules, an olive branch and seven arrows in saltire, between two splinters all proper. (Approved on 4 Aug 1955.)

462d STRATEGIC AEROSPACE WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Light blue, in dexter chief a lightning bolt gules and an olive branch argent saltirewise, overall an airfoil bendwise of the third and or, in dexter base a sphere azure with land masses of the third, in sinister chief seven mullets of the fifth heightened of the third and all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved on 7 Feb 1963.)

463d TACTICAL ARLIFT WING

Lineage. Established as 463d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 1 Dec 1952. Activated on 16 Jan 1953. Redesignated: 463d Troop Carrier Wing, Assault, on 1 Oct 1962; 463d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 15 May 1965: 463d
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**Emblem.** A shield azure (light sky blue), on a representation of a cloud argent a silhouette of mythical Pegasus drawing a chariot driven by Mars, the mythical Roman god of war, all sable. (Approved on 30 Aug 1954.)

### 464th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING

**Lineage.** Established as 464th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 15 Dec 1952. Activated on 1 Feb 1953. Re-designated 464th Troop Carrier Wing, Assault, on 1 Dec 1958; 464th Troop Carrier Wing. Medium, on 8 Jan 1964; 464th Troop Carrier Wing on 1 Mar 1972.
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Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Azure, surmounting a cloud argent, an American eagle descendant, wings endorsed proper, be-

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465th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Operations. Replaced 313th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, in Aug 1953 at Mitchel AFB, NY. The 465th Troop Carrier Group operated under control of other wings from Aug through 30 Nov 1953, when it commenced an overseas movement. Meanwhile, the 465th Wing controlled the 313th Troop Carrier Group from 25 Aug to 30 Sep 1953.
in normal troop carrier operations and training. From 1 Oct 1953 until the wing itself was relocated in Europe in early Apr 1954, no tactical operations were performed. The wing participated in numerous troop carrier and airlift operations, tests, and exercises in the European area in support of USAFE and NATO, Apr 1954–Jul 1957. In Jul 1957 the wing was replaced by the 317th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium. Activated as a bombardment wing in Feb 1963, the 465th replaced the 4137th Strategic Wing at Robins AFB, Ga. Conducted strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations, Feb 1963–Jul 1968. Replaced by 19th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, in Jul 1968.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. Light blue, on a bend azure fimbriated gules fifteen mullets one point upward, four, six, and five argent, issuant to chief a wing of the last, and in base a chess knight sable garnished of the fourth. Motto: CHECKMATE TO AGGRESSION. (Approved on 24 Mar 1964.)

474th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING


Stations. Misawa AB, Japan, 10 Jul 1952; Kunsan AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952; Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953-8 Nov 1954. Cannon AFB, NM, 8 Oct 1957; Nellis AFB, Nev, 20 Jan 1968-.


Operations. Activated in Japan and moved the same day to South Korea with tactical components to begin combat operations. Tactical components were detached on 1 Apr 1953, while the rest of the wing reduced to "paper" status, a condition which prevailed until the wing inactivated in 1954. Activated in the United States in Oct 1957 and until mid-Sep 1964 maintained proficiency in tactical fighter operations, deploying components, aircraft, and crews on a global basis in support of NATO, PACAF, AAC, and other organizations. Deployed three squadrons to southeastern United States during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Entire wing, except for a deployed squadron in Southeast Asia, reverted to "paper" status on 15 Sep 1965, the single de-
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tached squadron being reduced to "paper" status upon its return to the United States. Wing gained sparse manning on 1 Oct 1966 in anticipation of conversion to F–111 aircraft, and c. 30 Jun 1967 again reverted to "paper" status. On 20 Jan 1968 the 474th TFW, 474th FMS, and the 428th TFS moved without personnel or equipment to Nellis AFB, Nev, and the 474th AEMS and 474th MMS inactivated. The units that moved to Nellis absorbed the resources of an inactivating wing. Gaining the 474th CSG, 474th Tactical Hospital, and 474th Supply Squadron, the 474th Wing became host unit for Nellis. There it acquired the F–111 equipped 4527th CCTS. On 20 Jan 1968 the 428th TFS organized Detachment 1, which also received F–111 aircraft. This detachment deployed c. 18 Mar to 22 Nov 1968 to Southeast Asia. On 15 May 1968 the 429th TFS discontinued attachment to another wing and rejoined the 474th Wing without personnel or equipment. A former component, the 430th TFS, became part of the wing on 15 Sep 1968. Tactical components of the wing received their initial F–111s between Nov 1968 and Mar 1969 and began training for proficiency in the new weapon systems. The 4527th CCTS trained F–111 aircrews for the wing and for other USAF units until replaced in Oct 1969 by the 442d TFFS, which assumed the mission. The 4474th TTS, assigned 1 Dec to 15 Jun 1970, was sparsely manned and never equipped with F–111s. Upon inactivation of the 474th CSG, 474th Tactical Hospital, and 474th Supply Squadron in Feb 1970, the 474th Wing became a tenant at Nellis AFB. Wing assumed an operationally ready status between 31 Jan and 8 Sep 1971, and from Sep 1971 initiated tactical exercises for the maintenance of tactical operational proficiency. Over 1,600 tactical and support personnel of the wing deployed on 27 Sep 1972 to Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, to participate in combat operations in Southeast Asia. A rear echelon of wing headquarters remained at Nellis to control units not deployed. The 430th TFS returned to Nellis on 23 Mar 1973, assuming a replacement training unit mission; on 30 Jul 1973, the 428th and 429th Squadrons became subordinate units of the 347th TFW in Southeast Asia. In 1975 both of these overseas squadrons were again assigned to the 474th Wing. On 6 Aug the last F–111 aircraft and crews were transferred to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and the 474th Wing absorbed the F–4D aircraft, crews, and resources of the inactivating Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional, 4474th. Trained combat-ready force of aircrews and maintained a rapid-reaction capability to execute fighter attacks against enemy forces and facilities in time of crisis, 1975–.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Korea Summer–Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953; Vietnam Ceasefire.


Emble. A shield per bend azure and or, in bend a lightning bolt throughout

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bendwise gules, fimbriated or, between a sphere argent, grid lines sable, and a stylized jet tail pipe vert emitting eight fire blasts gules, the pipe charged with an annulet of the first, fimbriated or, a seepee of stars of the fourth on the azure field. (Approved for 474th Group on 22 Jun 1955 and for 474th Wing on 14 Nov 1958.)

475th AIR BASE WING


Operations. Provided air defense in Japan, 1948–1949. Replaced the 39th Air Division at Misawa AB, Japan, in Jan 1968 and trained for offensive and reconnaissance operations, 1968–1971. Two assigned squadrons (45th Tactical Reconnaissance and 612th Tactical Fighter) were "paper" units during their entire assignment, since each unit had all of its resources in a detachment

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Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. Per fess dancette of four azure and light blue, in chief a double end wrench fesswise or, surmounted overall by a pair of dividers expanded argent between a mullet of the like and in base two wings conjoined in lure elevated of the third between a sphere of the first with longitude and latitude lines of the second and all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 29 Jul 1974.)

478th FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)


Service Streamers. None
Campaign Streamers. None.
Decorations. None.
Emblem. None.

479th TACTICAL TRAINING WING


Commanders. Col Virgil L. Zoller, 1 Dec 1952; Col William C. Clark, 9 Feb 1953; Col Virgil L. Zoller, c. 9 Mar 1953; Col Robert L. Delashaw, 20 Jun 1953; Col Irwin H. Dregne, 27 Jun 1955; Col George Laven, Jr., 1 Jul 1957;
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Col William B. Harris, 8 Oct 1957; Lt Col James R. Wilson, 18 Jun 1958; Col Darrell S. Cramer, 3 Sep 1958; Col George Laven, Jr., 18 Dec 1958; Col Paul E. Adams, 6 Jul 1959; Col George I. Ruddell, 1 Aug 1959; Col Paul E. Adams, 19 Jun 1961; Col William D. Dunham, 23 Aug 1961; Col Billy Corbett, 6 Jul 1962; Col Darrell S. Cramer, (by 6) Jan 1964; Col Donald H. Ross, 28 Feb 1966; Col Robert V. Spencer, 8 Feb 1967; Col Harry B. Trimble, 5 Sep 1967; Col John S. Clarke, Jr., 5 Apr 1969; Col Earl J. Archer, Jr., 24 Jun 1970; Col Fred A. Treyz, 9 Jul–1 Oct 1971. Col William P. Crum, 1 Jan 1977–.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Or, a broadsword gules in bend piercing a cloud proper, between a point sinister pointed gules, charged with six stars argent, three, two, and one, and a point in base vert, all within a diminished bordure azure. Motto: PROTECTORS LIBERATIS—Defenders of liberty. (Approved on 10 Sep 1954.)

482d FIGHTER-BOMBER WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

483d TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


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Operations. Replaced 403d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, in Jan 1953. Performed troop carrier and air transport operations in the Far East, including landing of troops and cargo in forward areas of the combat zone, air transportation of airborne troops and equipment, and air evacuation of casualties. In Jun 1953, as the Korean war neared an armistice, all wing C-119s airlifted the entire 187th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) from Japan to Seoul and Chunch’on, South Korea, to preclude enemy breakthroughs. This was the largest mass movement of personnel in the history of combat cargo to that time. Between Apr 1953 and Sep 1954, the wing aided the French Air Force in Indo-China by training aircrews, evacuating wounded, and maintaining aircraft. Provided intra-theater airlift of cargo and personnel to specified organizations in Southeast Asia beginning Jan 1967, initially with C-7A aircraft transferred from the U.S. Army. Gained a tactical electronic warfare mission in mid-1971 and a special operations mission in the autumn of 1971. Phased down for inactivation beginning early 1972.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. Third Korean Winter; Korea Summer–Fall, 1953; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Emblem. On a shield of the sky, a sphere encircled with an orbit all or, latitude and longitude lines azure, over the sphere a hand proper supporting a parachute proper, an aircraft proper, and artillery proper; encircling the upper section of the sphere, three clouds proper and an crescent moon and four stars of the second color; on a chief of the third, 13 stars argent, the chief fimbriated or. Motto: EFFECTIVE Airlift Support. (Approved on 2 Feb 1956.)

484th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Operations. Strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet operational commitments of SAC. From 1 Apr to c. 29 Sep 1966, all wing aircraft and crews, all wing headquarters personnel, and most wing support personnel in deployed status as part of 3d Air Division for combat operations in Southeast Asia.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Apr–30 Sep 1966.

Emblem. Azure, on and over a bendlet dark blue a stylized aircraft bendwise gules, between two mullets or, issuant from dexter chief and middle chief two lightning flashes bendwise
throughout of the fourth, and in base a section of a globe argent gridlined of the second and in dexter flank a nuclear symbol with three orbits and six electrons of the last, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. (Approved on 19 Mar 1964.)

494th BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 816th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Feb 1963; 4th Air Division, 1 Jul 1963; 816th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1964; 819th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1965; 19th Air Division, 1 Oct 1965-2 Apr 1966.


Commanders. None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962-31 Jan 1963; Col Frederick D. Berry, Jr., 1 Feb 1963; Col Roger L. Hicks, Jr., 7 Jul 1964; Col Merrill N. Moore, 17 Aug 1964; Col Roger L. Hicks, Jr., 11 Jan 1965-2 Apr 1966.


Operations. Strategic bombardment training and air refueling operations to meet operational commitments of SAC.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, issuant from sinister chief a cloud formation fesswise argent emitting a lighting flash or, terminating in pale above a demi-sphere issuant from base of the second, outlined and gridlined vert, in dexter chief a circle of six mullets of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the third. (Approved on 11 Feb 1964.)

497th AIR REFUELING WING


Assignments. Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 820th Strategic
Aerospace Division, 1 Jan 1963–15 Sep 1964.


Operations. Replaced 4108th Air Refueling Wing in Jan 1963. Supported global air refueling mission of SAC and other USAF needs as required.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend light blue and argent, a bend vert garnished or between two cotises azure fimbriated of the second, in chief a mallet above a cloud formation issuant from sinister fesswise all of the last, in base 19 stripes palewise of the fifth, on the bend five mullets of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the last. motto: PARATI STAMUS—We stand ready. (Approved on 7 Feb 1963.)

499th AIR REFUELING WING


Operations. Replaced 4050th Air Refueling Wing in Jan 1963. Supported SAC bombardment and TAC fighter aircraft with air-to-air refueling and occasionally deployed segments of its tanker force overseas to support unit movements and special operations. Also flew EC–135s on a post attack command control system (PACCS) airborne command post mission in support of Eighth Air Force. From Nov 1965 until inactivated, wing components operated under a bomb wing at Westover AFB, Mass.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

500th AIR REFUELING WING

Lineage. Established as 500th Air Refueling Wing, and activated, on 15 Nov 1963.
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Operations. Replaced 4045th Air Refueling Wing in Jan 1963. Supported SAC bombardment and TAC fighter aircraft with air-to-air refueling and occasionally deployed segments of its tanker force overseas to support unit movements and special operations.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per bend azure and vert, issuant from base a demi-sphere argent grid lined and outlined sable, in fess two stylized aircraft refueling detailed and fimbriated of the third between in sinister chief a moon increscent with a mullet between its points silver gray, and in dexter flank a sun radiant or, detailed of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the sixth. Motto: SEMPER PARATUS—Always prepared. (Approved on 19 Feb 1964.)

506th TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

Aircraft. 506th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jan 1952. Activated on 20 Jan 1953. Redesignated 506th Fighter-Day Wing on 1 Jul 1957; 506th Fighter-Bomber Wing on 1 Jan 1958; 506th Tactical Fighter Wing on 1 Jul 1958. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1959.


**Stations.** Dow AFB, Maine, 20 Jan 1953; Tinker AFB, Okla, 20 Mar 1955–1 Apr 1959.


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** None.

**Emblem.** On a barry v'avy of four Fat, argent and azure, second bar semee of stars of the first, overall an escutcheon, per pale argent and or, a crest of a stylized wing of the first, fimbriated of the second, the escutcheon surmounting a sword bendwise, hilt and pommmel or, blade of the last, shaded gules; on a chief of the second, a sphere argent, land areas vert, over two lightning flashes in saltire gules, fimbriated of the first. (Approved on 21 Jul 1955.)

### 507th FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)

**Lineage.** Established as 507th Fighter Wing (Air Defense), and activated, on 28 Dec 1960. Organized on 1 Feb 1961. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 30 Sep 1968.

**Assignments.** Air Defense Command, 28 Dec 1960; Saulte Sainte Marie Air Defense Sector, 1 Feb 1961; Duluth Air Defense Sector, 1 Oct 1963; 29th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966–30 Sep 1968.


**Commanders.** None (not manned). 28 Dec 1960–31 Jan 1951; Col Thomas W. Hornsby, 1 Feb 1961; Col Ward W. Mantindale, 5 Aug 1963; Col Robert L. Hincee, 1 Jul 1967; Col William P. Brierty, 31 Aug 1967; Col Howard C. Johnson, 10 Jun 1968; Col Robert L.


Operations. Air defense for an assigned segment of the north central United States.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure, edged argent, over a point pointed in point bendwise and arched gules, fimbriated of the second, a falcon flying downward per bend argent between two planets and a star in sinister chief, and the Great Dipper in dexter base, all proper. Motto: DEFENDIMUS USQUE AD ASTRA—We defend even to the stars. (Approved for 507th Group on 17 Aug 1950; used by 507th Wing, 1961–1968)

508th STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING


Assignments. 40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1952–11 May 1956 (attached to 39th Air Division [Defense], c. 8 Feb–c. 13 May 1953 and 12 Feb–c. 7 May 1954).


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per bend engrailed azure and gules, in bend a chain or and in chief an atomic cloud argent issuing from a base gray, overall three figures representing the “Spirit of ’76” sable fimbriated of the fourth. Motto: KNOWLEDGE AND COURAGE. (Approved on 14 Sep 1953.)

509th BOMBARDMENT WING, MEDIUM

Lineage. Established as 509th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, on 3 Nov

Assignments. Eighth Air Force, 17 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Eighth Air Force, 1 Aug 1948 (attached to 3d Air Division, 1 Feb 1951–); 47th Air Division, 10 Feb 1951 (remained attached to 3d Air Division to 4 May 1951; attached to 7th Air Division, 4 Jun–2 Sep 1952; 3d Air Division, 10 Jul–8 Oct 1954; 7th Air Division, 26 Jan–30 Apr 1956); 817th Air Division, 1 Jul 1958; 45th Air Division, 30 Jun 1971–.


Stations. Roswell AAFd (later, Walker AFB), NM, 17 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Walker AFB, NM, 1 Aug 1948; Pease AFB, NH, 1 Jul 1958–.

Commanders. Col William H. Blanchard, 17 Nov 1947–1 Aug 1948. Col John D. Ryan, 1 Aug 1948; Brig Gen Clarence S. Irvine, 15 Sep 1948; Col James A. DeMarco, 3 Jan 1950; Brig Gen Hunter Harris, Jr., 15 Jan 1950; Col Thomas S. Jeffrey, Jr., 10 Jan 1951; Col John D. Ryan, 1 Feb 1951; Col


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Apr–1 Oct 1968.

Emblem. On a shield or, base a label of three points gules, surmounted by an atomic cloud proper, between a pair of wings conjoined in base azure. Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, an atomic cloud or, with broken pattern gules, between two lightning bolts gules. Motto: DEFENSOR VINCIT—Defender avenger. (Approved on 10 Jul 1952.)
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(ASSOCIATE)


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. Per bend celeste and azure, a sphere with axis bendwise argent gridlined sable surmounted by a beveled flight symbol quartered gules and or trailing an orbital ring enveloping the sphere of the like all between three mullets of five points, one in dexter flank, one in sinister chief and one in base of the last, all within a diminished bordure gold. Motto: MAStERS OF THE GLOBE. (Emblem approved on 23 Jul 1973. Motto approved on 26 May 1967, along with previous emblem.)

513th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Assignments. 839th Air Division, 8 Oct 1957–1 Dec 1958. United States Air Forces in Europe, 6 Apr 1966 (attached to 322d Air Division for tactical operations, 15 Apr 1966–7 Jan 1971); Third Air Force, 1 Jul 1966 (remained attached to 322d Air Division); United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1967 (remained attached to 322d Air Division); Third Air Force, 1 Nov 1968–(remained attached to 322d Air Division to 24 Dec 1968).


Commanders. Col John R. Roche, 8 Oct 1957; Lt Col Raymond J. Berger, 16 Sep 1958; Lt Col Earl V. Riley, 7 Nov–1 Dec 1958. None (not manned), 6–14 Apr 1966; Col Harold G. Fulmer, 15 Apr 1966; Col William W. Kingery, 28 Jun 1968; Col Thomas J. Sims, 11 Jul 1969; Col Eugene H. Dyke, 17 Sep 1969; Col Robert W. Koernig, 2 Sep 1971; Col Webb Thompson, 10 Nov 1972; Col James E. Poore, 1 Mar 1974; Col Clarence W. Thomas, 9 May 1975; Col Walter J. Ford, 8 Jun 1977–.


Fauville AB, France, in Apr 1966. Operated that base until 1 Jul 1966, then moved to England and assumed responsibility for operation and maintenance of RAF Mildenhall. The wing provided after Apr 1966 EC-135 aircraft and crews to support the European Command's airborne command post. From Apr 1966 to Jan 1976, the wing also provided intra-theater airlift in support of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, European Command, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations and exercises. C-130s and crews for this airlift mission were provided by U.S.-based wings of Tactical Air Command and Military Airlift Command. From Jul 1968 to May 1969 the wing also briefly controlled C-124 airlift operations in Europe, using planes and crews furnished by the 904th, 918th, 921st, 938th, and 941st Military Airlift Groups of the Air Force Reserve. Since Jan 1976, when another wing assumed control over rotational C-130 units and the intra-theater airlift mission, the 513th has continued its base operation and its airborne command post support with a drastic decrease in exercise participation, but with more emphasis on support of tenant organizations at RAF Mildenhall.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield per fesse dancette azure and vert, an American bald eagle volant, marked with three stars, red, blue, and green, wings spread upward, carrying with his talons an aircraft wing section loaded with a gun, supply box, and a combat soldier, all or; in chief a lightning bolt of the last. Motto: SUBSIDIA FERIMUS—We fly men and materiel. (Approved on 8 Apr 1958.)

514th MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (ASSOCIATE)


Operations. Formed in Jun 1949 at Birmingham, Ala, from resources of 19th Air Division and 99th Bombardment Group. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier organization under supervision of the 2587th Air Force Reserve Training Center. Moved without personnel or equipment to Mitchel AFB, NY, in Oct 1949, leaving resources for the 319th Bombardment Wing, Light, at Birmingham, and taking over resources of the 84th Fighter Wing at Mitchel AFB. Trained as a Reserve troop carrier wing under supervision of the 2233d AFRTC until ordered to active service in May 1951. From then until inactivated in Feb 1953, performed troop carrier operations and took part in numerous tactical exercises and joint training operations. Operated a C–46 combat crew training school, 15 Sep 1952–20 Jan 1953. Began converting to C–119 aircraft on 31 Dec 1952. Replaced by 313th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, on 1 Feb 1953. Activated in the Reserve at Mitchel AFB on 1 Apr 1953, replacing 65th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium. Trained under supervision of 2233d Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center (later, 2233d Air Reserve Flying Center) to 1958, initially with C–46s but with C–119s by Aug 1954. Summer camps conducted at Mitchel (and later, McGuire AFB, NJ) and at many other bases. Began participating in the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program on 1 Apr 1958 and from 14 Jul to 1 Oct 1958 absorbed functions and some personnel of the 2233d ARFC, which then inactivated. After 1958, the wing increasingly participated in airlift missions, tactical exercises, humanitarian missions, and mercy flights. By the mid-1960s the wing was augmenting Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command) airlift operations on a regular basis. The wing trained South Vietnamese aircrews and maintenance personnel, and Royal
Hellenic Air Force maintenance personnel, in C-119 aircraft, 10 Aug to 18 Dec 1967, and ferried many C-119s to South Vietnam in 1968. Shortly after two of its groups began converting to C-124s in 1966 the wing lost these groups, but gained two C-119 groups. In 1968 two of the wing's groups shifted from Tactical Airlift to Military Airlift (Associate) status, transferring their C-119s and thereafter flying C-141s of the regular wings with which they were associated—the 436th MAW at Dover AFB, Del., and the 438th MAW at McGuire AFB. A third C-119 group was retained until mid-1970. Gained a C-124 group in Apr 1969, but it soon converted to an Aeromedical Airlift Group (Associate), flying C-9s of the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing. This group remained with the wing through 1971. A third C-141 associate group joined the wing in Sep 1969, associated with the 437th MAW at Charleston AFB, SC. In Jul 1973, however, the wing's groups at Dover and Charleston were replaced by new Reserve wings, and the 514th Wing itself absorbed all of the squadrons of what had been its 903d Group at McGuire AFB. Named as Air Force Association's "outstanding Reserve flying wing" for 1976.


Emblem. Per pairle abased argent, mand, dexter hand in armor of the first holding a partially drawn sword in bend of the last the handle and hilt of the third the sheath of the like garnished of the first, in sinister base two lightning flashes in bend sinister of the first issuing from a storm cloud of the second fimbriated of the first. (Approved on 9 Sep 1954.)

516th TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. On a shield azure, issuing from sinister in fess, a cloud formation proper, thereover a parachute gules, lines and ropes argent and shaded, carrying a howitzer proper; in dexter chief a small parachute bendwise argent carrying a box of supplies; in sinister chief a small parachute sinister bendwise, carrying an airman argent; all within a diminutive bordure or. (Approved on 5 Jun 1952.)

550th GUIDED MISSILES WING


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

551st AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL WING


Assignments. 8th Air Division (Airborne Early Warning and Control), 18 Dec 1954; Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Jul 1957; 26th Air Division (SAGE), 1 Jul 1959; First Air Force, 1 Apr 1966; 21st Air Division, 4–31 Dec 1969.


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552d AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL WING


Operations. The 552d operated from McClellan AFB, Calif, 1955 until inactivated in 1976. Through its squadrons, detachments and operating locations, it extended air defense radar coverage and fighter control seaward beyond the range of shore-based stations. Late in 1958, the 552d assumed the additional mission of performing gap-filler duty for temporarily inoperative ground radar stations. Tracked ballistic missiles in the Pacific after 1957 and provided support for Discoverer and Mercury space flight projects. On 11 Aug 1960 wing aircraft vectored and controlled the aircraft that recovered the Discoverer XIII capsule. Deployed aircraft and crews to McCoy AFB, Fla., (19 Oct-5 Dec 1962) during the Cuban missile crisis. Operated extensively in Southeast Asia, 1965-1974, as part of the Big (later, College) Eye Task Force. During this time the 552d expanded operations to the eastern coast of the United States and to Iceland. Redesignated as a group on 1 Jul 1974 because of a reduction in components and a reduced mission; remained in this status until inactivated on 30 Apr 1976. Redesignated 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing, and activated on 1 Jul 1976 at Tinker AFB, Okla, the wing provided worldwide operation of Airborne Warning and Control E-3A aircraft as directed by the Tactical Air Command.

Service Streamers. None.
Campaign Streamers. None.

Emblem. Per bend the sky proper and the base field per bend sinister of azure and of argent, a bendlet or between a compass of the third and sable and two lightning flashes issuing from the dexter, points to fess argent, and a silhouetted winged tower sable. Motto: ROBUR EX VIGILANTIA—In vigilance is strength. (Approved on 6 Feb 1956.)

553d RECONNAISSANCE WING


**Service Streamers.** None.

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteraffensive; Vietnam Summer–Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter–Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V.


**Emblem.** Or, in dexter chief a plate eckson, 16 Apr 1951; Col John R. Kane, 8 Jul 1968–15 Dec 1970; Or, in bend and two in saltire celeste charged with the ancient sign for sulphur gules, issuant from base a demi-sphere argent rimmed and gridded sable and overall in pale a batcat proper (azure shaded sable, eyes, teeth, lower lip and claws argent, tongue gules), all within a diminished bordure or. (Approved on 19 Jun 1967.)

**580th AIR RESUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS WING**

**Lineage.** Established as 580th Air Resupply and Communications Wing on 15 Mar 1951. Activated on 16 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 8 Sep 1953.

**Assignments.** Air Resupply and Communications Service, 16 Apr 1951; United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Oct 1952–8 Sep 1953.


**Stations.** Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, 16 Apr 1951–17 Sep 1952; Wheelus Field, Libya, 22 Sep 1952–8 Sep 1953.

**Commanders.** Col William O. Earickson, 16 Apr 1951; Col John R. Kane, 12 Nov 1951; Col Frederick J. Knorre,
1947–1977

Jr., 8 May 1952; Col John R. Kane, 2 Jun 1952; Col Frederick J. Knorre, Jr., 18 May 1953; Col Vincent M. Miles, 27 May–8 Sep 1953.


Operations. Performed psychological warfare and unconventional operations.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Quarterly, first and fourth, or, a stylized aircraft sable, nose to dexter; second and third, azure, a horse’s head couped or; on a chief, gules over a wreath of two branches of olive, a sword in fess, all or. Motto: LIBERTAS PER VERITATEM—Freedom through truth. (Approved on 8 Nov 1951.)

581st AIR RESUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS WING


Commanders. Lt Col Rupert E. Herr, 23 Jul 1951; Col John K. Arnold, Jr., 1 Aug 1951; Maj John F. Zinn, 10 Aug 1951; Lt Col George H. Pittman, Jr., 31 Aug 1951; Col John K. Arnold, Jr., 1 Oct 1951; Col Lawrence C. Gilbert, 16 Jan 1952; Col John K. Arnold, Jr., c. 18 Feb 1952; Col Lawrence C. Gilbert, 12 Jan–8 Sep 1953.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. On a shield azure, a torch, base argent, flame or, flame moving toward the dexter, over the flame a quill argent bend sinister, all between three links of a chain sable, the center link couped, with one and one-half links on each side of the torch; on a chief gules two branches, of olive, surmounted by a sword in fess, hilt and pommel to the dexter, all or. Motto: LIBERTAS PER VERITATEM—Freedom through truth. (Approved on 12 Jun 1952.)
582d AIR RESUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS WING


Aircraft. C-119, 1953; B-29, 1953; SA-16, 1953.

Operations. Performed psychological warfare and unconventional operations.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per fess indented or and azure, the silhouette of a transport plane sable and in base a broken chain of three links proper below two lightning bolts points conjoined argent, on a chief gules a wreath surmounted by a sword fesswise, hilt to dexter both of the first. Motto: LIBERTAS PER VERITATEM—Freedom through truth. (Approved on 14 Apr 1953.)

633d SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING


Operations. Engaged in combat in Southeast Asia, including close air support, air escort, day and night interdiction, and visual and photographic reconnaissance, Jul 1968–Nov 1969.

Service Streamers. None.
**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air/ Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970.


**Emblem.** Per fess nebuly gules and azure fimbriated or in base six lightning flashes radiating fesswise three to dexter and three to sinister argent surmounted by a tiger's paw affronte couped proper, overall a crossbow purpure fitted with an arrow in pale point to base of the first, all within a diminished bordure or. **Motto:** ATTACK. (Approved on 29 May 1969.)

**656th SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING**


**Assignments.** Thirteenth Air Force, 30 Jun 1975; 17th Air Division, 1 Jul–22 Sep 1975.


**Commanders.** Col Robert D. Janca, 30 Jun–22 Sep 1975.


**701st TACTICAL MISSILE WING**


**Stations.** Hahn AB, West Germany, 15 Sep 1956–18 Jun 1958.

**Commanders.** Lt Col Robert F. Zachman, 15 Sep 1956; Col Theodore H. Runyon, 7 Jan 1957–18 Jun 1958.

Operations. First tactical missile wing of the U.S. Air Force, comprised of three groups, each with three squadrons.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.


Emblem. A shield quartered: first and fourth quarters, or, on a bend azure an arrow of the first in bend; second quarter, azure a griffin segreant or, langued gules; third quarter, azure a torch in pale, flamed, between two branches of olive or; on an escutcheon of pretence gules an astral crown or. Motto: VAL-OR WITH PROGRESS. (Approved on 20 Jun 1957.)

702d STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICM-SNARK)


Components. Squadron. 556th: 1 Apr–16 Jul 1959.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, in base a demi-sphere light blue segmented by six arcs throughout argent, saltirewise overall issuant from sinister base a missile of the last with jet trail gules and from dexter base arras-wise a cubit arm proper grasping a sword of the third; in center chief a mullet of the like, all within a diminished bordure or. Motto: READY, ABLE. (Approved on 15 Feb 1961.)

703d STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-TITAN)


Assignments. 1st Missile Division, 25 Sep 1958; Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jan
1947–1977


Missiles. None.

Operations. Not operational to c, 10 Dec 1958 and only partially operational from then to Mar 1960. Replaced by 451st SMW (ICBM-Titan) in Jul 1961 before becoming fully operational.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. None.

704th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM)


Assignments. Air Research and Development Command, 1 Jul 1957 (attached to Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, 1–31 Jul 1957); 1st Missile Division, 1 Aug 1957–1 Jul 1959.


Commanders. Col Francis B. Howes, Jr., 1 Jul 1957 (acting); Col David K. Lyster, Jr., 16 Jul 1957 (additional duty); Col William S. Rader, 26 Aug 1957 (additional duty); Col David K. Lyster, Jr., 27 Aug 1957 (additional duty); Col William S. Rader, 20 Sep 1957 (additional duty), 13 Nov 1957–5 Apr 1959 (permanent), and 6 Apr 1959–unkn (additional duty); unkn, c. 10 Jun–1 Jul 1959.


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Per fess enhanced azure and light blue, the chief semy with stars argent, between two clouds issuant from sinister chief the other from dexter base of the last and issuant bendwise
from sinister base a demi-sphere with grid lines of the first, and masses brown and saes of the third with overall a tower or enflamed proper between two lightning flashes radiant from its base gules; in bend a missile with enflamed trail of the fifth and surmounted in chief by a segment of a star overall of the last. Motto: LEADERSHIP-KNOWLEDGE-DYNAMIC APPLICATION. (Approved on 26 Jun 1958.)

705th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (IRBM-THOR)


Assignments. 7th Air Division, 20 Feb 1958–1 Apr 1960; Department of the Air Force, 1 Apr 1960–.

Components. None.


Operations. Wing never became operational and was manned only by additional-duty personnel of 7th Air Division.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

706th STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (ICBM-ATLAS)


1947–1977


Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Emblem. Azure, issuing from base to dexter chief throughout a cloud argent bearing in bend a ribbon of the first semee of mullets of the second surmounted by a globe or bearing lines of longitude and latitude dark blue, overall in pale a missile of the like front fins gules emitting to base three flashes of the last both globe and missile spiralled from dexter base to sinister chief by an olive branch proper. (Approved on 14 Oct 1958.)
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Lineage Terms

Each unit and establishment of the Air Force possesses a separate identity, its own lineage and history. The War Department and, later, the Department of the Air Force have sought to preserve these separate organizational identities. In recent years, however, the Department of the Air Force introduced two changes in this basic policy. In a major adjustment, the service temporarily bestowed, under certain conditions, the history and honors of combat groups on similarly numbered combat wings. This practice began in 1954 and continues today. A second, minor adjustment substituted the Table of Organization (T/O) units and establishments created in 1948 for the Table of Distribution (T/D) organizations used in the 1947–1948 service test of the wing-base plan.* This volume treats these initial T/D and subsequent T/O organizations as single entities instead of separate establishments and units.

Between 1947 and 1977 the Air Force was composed of primary elements called units and establishments. The units divide among three primary categories: squadrons (later, the numbered flight was added as a "small" squadron), miscellaneous (a category including such organizations as bands, infirmaries, hospitals, etc.), and headquarters. The headquarters units served as headquarters for establishments. Establishments are Air Force organizations at group echelon or higher, having a headquarters unit as their primary component.

Headquarters units were "designated and organized" for the wings included in the 1947–1948 service test of the wing-base plan, and discontinued when the service test concluded in 1948. Headquarters units for the wings subsequently were "constituted and activated" (1948–1959 and 1968–current), or were "constituted, activated, and organized" (1959–1968). The units were "inactivated" (1948–1959 and 1968–current), or "discontinued and inactivated" (1959–1968).

*Details of this service test appear in the introduction to this volume.

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when no longer needed. The establishments to which the headquarters units belonged, however, were "established" concurrently with the designation or constitution of their headquarters unit. If the Air Force disbanded a wing's headquarters unit (example: see 24th Composite Wing), the wing was "disestablished," and, when the headquarters unit was reconstituted, the wing was "reestablished." Otherwise, the lineage terms for establishments parallel those of the units.

The lineage of each wing establishment contained in this book is ultimately determined by the language employed in the War Department and Department of the Air Force letters and command orders relating to organizational actions. The following glossary defines the more important terms that appear in the lineage and honors histories.

Glossary of Terms

Activate. To bring into physical existence by assignment of personnel to the headquarters unit (from 1922 to 1959, and again after 1968). An establishment is activated when its headquarters unit is activated. During the period 1959-1968, however, activate meant to place on the active list, available to be organized.

Assign. To place in a military organization, as a permanent element or component of that organization.

Attach. To place one military organization temporarily with another for operational control and other purposes, including administration and logistical support.

Consolidate. To combine or merge one establishment with another, so that the line and history of both become one. Establishments are consolidated effective with the consolidation of their headquarters units. Consolidation can only occur when the establishments involved were active at different times. (Example: see 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.)

Designation. The name of a unit or establishment. The designation includes all parts of the name: numerical, functional, and generic. A designation also applies to named activities and certain functions. To further identify a unit, descriptive words are sometimes added parenthetically. Such words are not a part of the official designation, but are used to clarify the official designation.

Discontinue. To withdraw all personnel from the headquarters unit (1959-1968). This action placed the establishment and its headquarters unit on the inactive list for those wings involved in the 1947-1948 service test of the wing's plan.

Disestablish. To terminate an establishment concurrent with disbandment of its headquarters unit, until reestablished.
Establish. To assign a designation concurrent with the designation (1947-1948) or the constitution (1922-1947 and 1948-current) of the headquarters unit.

Establishment. A military organization at group or higher echelon, composed of a headquarters unit and any other elements that might be assigned. Personnel are not assigned to an establishment, but to its components.

Inactivate. To withdraw all personnel from the headquarters unit and place the establishment and its headquarters unit on the inactive list (from 1922 to 1959 and from 1968 to date). During the period 1959-1968, however, to be inactivated meant to be transferred from the active to the inactive list, after being discontinued.

Order to Active Service. Reserve establishments are ordered to active service from Reserve status for a period of extended active duty with the regular Air Force.

Organization. As used in this volume, the term organization applies to units and establishments.

Organize. To assign personnel to the headquarters unit (1947-1948 service test organizations). During the period 1959-1968, being organized also involved the assignment of personnel to the headquarters unit, after the headquarters unit and the establishment were activated.

Redesignate. To change the designation (number or number and name) of both the establishment and its headquarters unit.

Reestablish. To return a previously existing establishment from disbanded status to the active list, so it can be activated.

Relieve from Active Duty. Reserve units are relieved from active duty with the regular Air Force upon completion of a period of extended active duty.
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World War II
Asiatic-Pacific Theater: 7 Dec 1941–2 Mar 1946.

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CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

World War II
American Theater:
Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.

EAME Theater:
Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–11 May 1945.
Antisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Algeria-French Morocco: 8–11 Nov 1942.
Tunisia: 12 Nov 1942–13 May 1943.
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Anzio: 22 Jan–24 May 1944.
Rome-Arno: 22 Jan–9 Sep 1944.
North Apennines: 10 Sep 1944–4 Apr 1945.
Rhineland: 15 Sep 1944–21 Mar 1945.
Central Europe: 22 Mar–11 May 1945.
Po Valley: 5 Apr–8 May 1945.

Asian-Pacific Theater:
Air Combat: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Artisubmarine: 7 Dec 1941–2 Sep 1945.
Central Pacific: 7 Dec 1941–6 Dec 1943.
Philippine Islands: 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942.
Burma: 7 Dec 1941–26 May 1942.
East Indies: 1 Jan–22 Jul 1942.
Air Offensive, Japan: 17 Apr 1942–2 Sep 1945.
Northern Solomons: 23 Feb 1943–21 Nov 1944.
Eastern Mandates: 7 Dec 1943–16 Apr 1944.
Western Pacific: 17 Apr 1944–2 Sep 1945.
China Offensive: 5 May–2 Sep 1945.
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Unit Decorations

AMERICAN

**Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC).**

Used by the U.S. Army and Army Air Forces. First established by Executive Order 9075 on 26 Feb 1942, awarded for extraordinary valor in action on or after 7 Dec 1941.

**Presidential Unit Citation (PUC).**

Equivalent to the Distinguished Unit Citation. The PUC is used by the U.S. Navy and was awarded to a number of AAF units that operated under Navy control or in close support of the Navy. After 1965, the U.S. Air Force adopted the Presidential Unit Citation instead of the Distinguished Unit Citation to recognize outstanding combat performance of its tactical units.

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat “V” Device (AFOUA/V).**

The AFOUA/V is awarded in lieu of the AFOUA (below) to recognize achievement in combat by USAF units and establishments. The Combat “V” Device was first used during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).**

A relatively new USAF decoration used to recognize outstanding efforts and meritorious actions of USAF units and establishments in peace and war, the AFOUA was announced in Department of the Air Force General Orders No. 1 on 6 Jan 1954. (Several units and establishments received this award retroactively, for meritorious actions during the Korean war.)

**Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC).**

The U.S. Army's Meritorious Unit Commendation, roughly equivalent to the AFOUA (above), has been earned by a number of AAF and USAF units. This decoration recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Distinguished Unit Citation (above).
Navy Unit Commendation (NUC).

The U.S. Navy Unit Commendation, also roughly equivalent to the AFROUA (above), has been awarded to a few AAF and USAF units which worked closely with the Navy. The award recognizes outstanding and meritorious actions in both peace and war, but these actions are considered to be of a lesser consequence than those recognized by a Presidential Unit Citation (above).

FOREIGN

Belgium.

Citation in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army.

A citation by decree of the Belgian Government. Numerous AAF units and establishments which operated in or over Belgium during World War II received this award.

Belgian Fourragère.

A decoration awarded by decree of the Belgian Government, to units cited twice in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army.

France.

Croix de Guerre.

A citation by decree of the French Government, awarded to Army Air Forces units and establishments. Generally identified as French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

French Fourragère.

A decoration, awarded by decree of the French Government, to units and establishments cited twice for the Croix de Guerre.

Korea.

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

A citation for achievement during the Korean war. Most commonly presented to units based in Korea and carrying out combat operations there, but also awarded to some units, both combat and support types, based in adjacent areas. Since the cessation of hostilities in Korea in July 1953, this decoration has been awarded rarely to USAF units and establishments, usually in recognition of outstanding support in the defense of Korea.

Philippines.

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

A citation for achievement while serving in the Philippines during the periods 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942 or 17 Oct 1944–4 Jul 1945. No date is connected with the citation. Only one award is authorized for every eligible unit, including units which served in the Philippines during both periods.
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Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation.

A number of USAF units stationed in the Republic of the Philippines in July and August 1972 earned this citation in recognition of their participation in disaster relief operations.

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

This unit decoration was usually awarded to units and establishments actually engaged in combat in defense of the Republic of Vietnam, but in numerous instances it was also awarded to combat support organizations and tactical units that were based outside the Vietnam Theater yet flew missions to the theater or provided essential services to organizations flying to or operating within the theater.
Appendix IV

Abbreviations

The following glossary of abbreviations used in the volume does not include many standard abbreviations, such as those for the months of the year or names of the states.

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<td>MAJCON</td>
<td>major command-controlled</td>
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<td>semi-automatic ground environment</td>
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<td>unkn</td>
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<td>United States Air Base</td>
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<td>VHB</td>
<td>Very Heavy Bombardment</td>
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<td>VIP</td>
<td>very important person(s)</td>
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Appendix V

USAF Bestowed History*

During World War II, combat squadrons were normally organized into combat groups, with three or four squadrons in each group, the group serving as the basic combat element of the Air Force. In many commands, although the practice was not uniform throughout the Air Force, two or more combat groups formed a wing for administrative or operational control (see Air Force Combat Units of World War II, passim.).

This organization changed in 1947 when the Air Force adopted the wing-base plan. Each combat wing was given one combat group (with three or four combat squadrons) and three support groups (air base, supply and maintenance, and medical). The wings required by this plan were new organizations, the old World War II wings being redesignated divisions (see wing histories in Air Force Combat Units of World War II). The combat wing and its integral combat group carried the same numerical and functional designations; for example, the 9th Bombardment Group was an integral part of the 9th Bombardment Wing.

In February 1951 the Strategic Air Command (SAC) began to eliminate its combat groups by reducing group headquarters to token strength (one officer and one enlisted man) and attaching the combat squadrons directly to the wings. Thus, the wing replaced the group as the basic combat element of SAC. On 16 June 1952, with the approval of Headquarters USAF, Headquarters SAC inactivated the headquarters of all combat groups (that had remained active under token manning) and assigned the remaining combat squadrons to the wings. The SAC reorganization also retired the World War II histories and honors of SAC's combat groups, while the SAC wings, having been created during or after 1947, possessed no World War II histories or honors.

*This appendix is based on Attachment 1 (Wing-Group Relations, Inheritance of History and Honors) to Air Force Pamphlet 210-2, Guide to Lineage and Unit History, 2 Jun 1975.
Deviations from the wing-base plan by other commands, particularly Air Defense Command (ADC), also affected the perpetuation of histories and honors of World War II groups. In 1954 SAC and ADC leaders asked Headquarters USAF to perpetuate the histories and honors of the World War II combat groups. The ad hoc committee which reviewed these requests rejected the idea of redesignating combat groups as wings. Instead, the committee recommended that combat groups and wings be maintained as separate and distinct organizations, and that the histories and honors of combat groups be bestowed upon the similarly designated combat wings.

Although the ad hoc committee's proposed bestowals ran counter to a longstanding policy of the Air Force against transferring history and honors from one unit to another, Headquarters USAF accepted the committee's recommendations. In November 1954 the Department of the Air Force issued a series of AFOMO letters which bestowed upon each active combat wing the history and honors of its similarly designated combat group; for example, SAC's 9th Bombardment Wing received by bestowal the history and honors of the 9th Bombardment Group. This bestowal of honors fell into two classes:

a. Those where the combat groups were now inactive (as in SAC).

b. Those where the combat groups remained active components of their related wings (as in TAC). In the second instance, however, Headquarters USAF went beyond the original intention of SAC, to perpetuate in the new wings the histories and honors of inactive World War II groups.

Since the initial bestowals in November 1954, the Department of the Air Force has continued to bestow the histories and honors of inactive groups on active wings of a similar designation. But, in some cases the letters have bestowed group histories a second time on wings that had been covered already by the bestowals made in November 1954, then subsequently inactivated. In other cases, the bestowals were newly made to wings not active in November 1954.

Other commands followed SAC's lead, eliminating combat groups and assigning squadrons directly to the wings. The Air Force, however, has continued to regard each combat group, albeit inactive, as an integral part of the similarly designated combat wing. Despite the trend to do away with combat groups, some have survived as active organizations, and from time to time inactive groups have been activated. Beginning about 1957, active combat groups have usually been assigned to divisions or higher organizations, rather than to wings. The major exceptions appear in the reserve forces, where, since 1963, tactical wings usually have had two or more tactical groups (with numerical designations different from their wings), with one tactical squadron assigned to each group.

In bestowing group histories and honors on wings, Department of the Air Force directives have not specified any conditions or limitations except to note, in AFOMO letters issued after the initial bestowals of November 1954, that such bestowals are temporary. For a variety of reasons, particularly organizational developments after the initial bestowals, the Air Force found it necessary to
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formulate rules to govern temporary bestowals of histories and honors. In 1963 the interested USAF agencies agreed that the exceptional bestowal of history and honors:

1. Will be made only from AFCON combat groups to AFCON combat wings, with the bestowal in each case being from the group that has the same numerical designation as the recipient wing, and which is regarded by the Air Force as the primary-mission group, and thus an integral part of the wing, even though the group is inactive.

2. May be made if the group is:
   a. Inactive.
   b. Active and assigned to the similarly designated wing.

3. Will not be made if:
   a. The group is active and assigned to any organization other than the similarly designated wing.
   b. Any combat group other than the one related by similarity of designation is assigned to the wing.

4. Will apply only to that portion of the group's history which the group accrued, and to those honors which the group earned, during a period when the wing was not active.

5. Is temporary and:
   a. Becomes effective upon activation of the wing's headquarters.
   b. Terminates under any of the following circumstances:
      (1) The group is assigned to any organization other than its similarly designated wing.
      (2) The wing is assigned another combat group in place of, or in addition to, the similarly designated group from which it received the bestowal.
      (3) The wing's headquarters is inactivated.
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