

1st AIR BASE WING



LINEAGE

1st Composite Wing established, 9 May 1969
Activated, 1 Jul 1969
Redesignated 1st Air Base Wing, 1 Jul 1976
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1977

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1969-1977

ASSIGNMENTS

Headquarters Command, USAF, 1 Jul 1969
76th Airlift Division, 1 Jul 1976-30 Sep 1977

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1969-1972
C-54, 1969-1970
C-118, 1969-1975
C-131, 1969-1975
CH-21, 1969-1971
EC-135, 1969-1975
T-29, 1969-1973
T-33, 1969-1973
T-39, 1969-1975
TH-1, 1969-1971
UH-1, 1969-1976
CH-3, 1970-1976
VC-131, 1971-1975
KC-135, 1973-1975
E-4, 1974-1975

COMMANDERS

BG Richard A. Knobloch, 1 Jul 1969

Col Benjamin M. Matlick, Jr., 1 Feb 1970
BG Carlton L. Lee, 1 Mar 1970
BG Clarence J. Douglas, Jr., 25 Aug 1972
BG William E. Brown, Jr., 31 Jan 1975
Col Leonard R. Peterson, 17 Jun-30 Sep 1977

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977

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 cogwheel azure. (Approved, 22 Apr 1955 for 1401st Air Base [later, 1001st Composite] Wing; used 1 Jul 1969-30 Sep 1977 by 1st Composite [later, 1st Air Base] Wing.)

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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. 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.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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