

## 13<sup>th</sup> AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

13<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Inactivated, 30 Nov 1942

Redesignated 13<sup>th</sup> Tactical Missile Wing, 31 Jul 1985

Redesignated 13<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group and converted to provisional status, 14 Sep 1997

### STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 15 Jan 1941

Orlando, FL, 6 Jun 1941

Westover Field, MA, 20 Jan-30 Nov 1942

### ASSIGNMENTS

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18

B-25

A-29

### COMMANDERS

BG Westside T. Larson, 21 Jan 1941

Col Walter G. Bryte, Jr., 4 Mar 1942

Col John G. Fowler, 2 May-Nov 1942

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

## **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**



13<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Medium) emblem

Per bend azure and or, a sword point to base with wings displayed and inverted argent, that portion to base fimbriated of the first. Blue and gold are the Air Corps colors. The winged sword represents the swift striking power of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group. (Approved, 2 Jan 1942)

## **MOTTO**

ALERT DAY OR NIGHT

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

After the US entered the war the group searched for enemy U-boats and covered friendly convoys off the east coast of the US. Served with First AF and later with AAF Antisubmarine Command.

11/30/2007 Units supporting Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica, Operation Deep Freeze, have a new designation and shield. As a standing JTF, the organization wanted to be

represented by a unit designation that was connected to 13th Air Force, the JTF lead, and could be used continuously. The answer was found in the 13th Air Expeditionary Group which was active during World War II as part of 13th Air Force. The 13th AEG was re-activated by 13th AF as the air component of JTF-SFA. The 13th AEG commander is dualhatted as the deputy commander, JTF-SFA. The 13 AEG was re-activated by Air Mobility Command as the air component of Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica (JTF-SFA). The 13 AEG commander is dual hatted as the deputy commander, JTF-SFA.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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