

34th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

From Jan 1951-Dec 1969, the 34th administered, trained, operated and supported assigned units, and placed all available combat capable elements in a maximum state of readiness. Initially, its area of responsibility included Arizona, New Mexico, and parts of Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and Texas. In 1966, the area changed to include all or part of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia.

LINEAGE

34th Air Division (Defense) established, 1 Jan 1951
Activated, 5 Jan 1951
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952
Organized, 1 Feb 1952
Inactivated, 1 Jan 1960
Redesignated 34th Air Division, and activated, 20 Jan 1966
Organized, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

STATIONS

Kirtland AFB, NM, 5 Jan 1951-1 Feb 1952
Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Feb 1952-1 Jan 1960
Custer AFS, MI, 1 Apr 1966-31 Dec 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Western Air Defense Force, 5 Jan 1951-1 Feb 1952
Western Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952
Central Air Defense Force, 16 Feb 1953-1 Jan 1960

Air Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966
First Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-31 Dec 1969

COMMANDERS

Col Thomas W. Blackburn, 5 Jan 1951
Col William A. Matheny, 25 Mar 1951-1 Feb 1952
BG William A. Matheny, 1 Feb 1952
BG Wendell W. Bowman, 15 Jul 1953
Col Frederick R. Terrell, 12 Jul 1957
Col Richard T. Knight, 5 Jun 1958
Col Lewis W. Stocking, 22 Nov 1959-1 Jan 1960
Col Stanton T. Smith Jr., 1 Apr 1966
Col Frederick H. LeFebre, 1 Jul 1968
Col Raymond K. Gallagher, 1 Nov 1968-31 Dec 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

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34th Air Division, Defense

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(Approved 28, Oct 1966.)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle
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Sources

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