

36 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

36 Air Division established and organized, 4 Sep 1951

Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Discontinued, 15 Mar 1960

Organized, 1 Apr 1966

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1969

STATIONS

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, 4 Sep 1951-16 Jun 1952

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, 16 Jun 1952-15 Mar 1960

Topsham AFS, ME, 1 Apr 1966-30 Sep 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force, 4 Sep 1951-16 Jun 1952

Fifteenth Air Force, 16 Jun 1952-15 Mar 1960

Air Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966 (assigned for activation)

First Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-30 Sep 1969

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen William P. Fisher, 4 Sep 1951-16 Jun 1952

Brig Gen William P. Fisher, 16 Jun 1952

Brig Gen John S. Hardy, 6 Sep 1952
Brig Gen Niles O. Ohman, 6 Nov 1953
Brig Gen James V. Edmundson, 1 Feb 1955
Brig Gen Delman E. Wilson, 7 Feb 1957
Col William C. Bacon, 9-15 Mar 1960
Col Gwen G. Atkinson, 1 Apr 1966
Col John M. Winkler, 28 May 1966
Col Raymond M. Gehrig, 11 Aug 1966-30 Sep 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



36 Air Division patch



36 Air Division emblem: On a shield azure, fimbriated argent, a hand in armor, couped at the wrist or, trimmed argent, grasping two lightning bolts argent, between a bomb pointed downward, gules, fimbriated argent in the dexter chief, and a compass rose, center gules, points argent, in sinister base. (Approved 12 Feb 1952).

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 36 Air Division was activated to solve the organizational and jurisdictional problems caused by placing two combat wings on one installation. The division first flew B-29's and B-50's for bombardment operations, but by late 1954 it was completely equipped with B-47 jets. Conversion from KB-29's to KC-97's for refueling began in the summer of 1952 and ended in 1954. The division constantly flew training missions, engaged in simulated combat operations, and participated in joint exercises with the Air Defense Command. Until 1960, it continued its task of manning, training, and equipping the assigned bombardment wings with B-47's so that they would be ready for aerial warfare on a global scale. It was reassigned to First Air Force (Air Defense Command), Apr 1966 - Sep 1969. The division administered, trained, and placed all available combat capable forces, including surveillance and control elements, in a maximum state of readiness for air defense missions, and participated in numerous exercises.

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