

## 6<sup>th</sup> AIR DIVISION



### LINEAGE

6<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Wing, established, 19 Oct 1940  
Activated, 18 Dec 1940  
Inactivated, 7 Dec 1941  
Redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 30 May 1942  
Activated, 7 Jun 1942  
Disestablished, 13 Sep 1943  
Reestablished, 5 Aug 1946  
Activated, 25 Aug 1946  
Inactivated, 28 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Feb 1951  
Organized, 10 Feb 1951  
Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952  
Activated, 16 Jun 1952  
Discontinued and inactivated, 2 Jul 1966  
Activated, 5 Jul 1968  
Organized, 1 Aug 1968  
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1969

### STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 18 Dec 1940-7 Dec 1941  
Harrisburg Municipal Airport, PA, 7 Jun-4 Aug 1942  
Bushey Hall, England, 16 Aug 1942  
Atcham, England, 24 Aug 1942-13 Sep 1943  
Howard Field, Canal Zone, 25 Aug 1946-28 Jul 1948  
MacDill AFB, FL, 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952  
MacDill AFB, FL, 16 Jun 1952  
Dow AFB, ME, 1 Apr 1961-2 Jul 1966  
Clark AB, Philippines, 1 Aug 1968-15 Dec 1969

### ASSIGNMENTS

GHQ Air Force

Northeast Air District, later 1st Air Force, 16 Jan 1941  
1st Interceptor Command, 5 Jun-7 Dec 1941), 18 Dec 1940-7 Dec 1941  
Eighth Air Force, 7 Jun 1942-13 Sep 1943  
Caribbean Air Command, 25 Aug 1946-28 Jul 1948  
Second Air Force, 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952  
Second Air Force, 16 Jun 1952  
Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1959-2 Jul 1966  
Pacific Air Forces, 5 Jul 1968  
Thirteenth Air Force, 1 Aug 1968-15 Dec 1969

## **ATTACHMENTS**

First Air Force, 7 Jun 1942-5 Aug 1942

## **COMMANDERS**

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Unkn, 18 Dec 1940  
BG Henry B. Clagett Jan 1941  
Col Lawrence P. Hickey Apr 1941  
BG Carlyle H. Wash 15 Sep 1941-7 Dec 1941  
LTC Paul M. Jacobs, 13 Jul 1942  
LTC John W. Ranson, 17 Sep 1942  
LTC Jack W. Hickman, 13 Mar 1943  
Col Ross G. Hoyt, 18 Mar 1943  
Col Jack W. Hickman, 4 Jun 1943-unkn  
BG Morris R. Nelson, Aug 1946  
Col William R. Morgan, 29 Dec 1947  
Col Murray C. Woodbury, 17 Feb-28 Jul 1948  
Col Thayer S. Olds, 10 Feb 1951  
MG Frank A. Armstrong Jr., May 1951-16 Jun 1952  
MG Frank A. Armstrong Jr., 16 Jun 1952  
BG Henry K. Mooney, 16 Nov 1952  
BG Kenneth O. Sanborn, 31 Jul 1954  
Col Paul S. Emrick, 17 Feb 1955  
BG Kenneth O. Sanborn, c. 1 Jun 1955  
BG Paul S. Emrick, 17 Feb 1956  
BG Paul W. Tibbets Jr., 2 Jan 1958  
Col Brooks A. Lawhon, 1 Feb 1961  
BG Perry M. Hoisington II, 1 Apr 1961  
Col George W. R. Zethren, 10 Jul 1961  
Col Harry R. Burrell, 2 Jun 1962  
BG Richard C. Neeley, 6 Jul 1962  
Col Robert J. Nolan, by 11 Feb 1965-2 Jul 1966  
Col Phillip C. Rawlins, 1 Aug 1968  
Col Ernest W. Pate, 1 Jan 1969-15 Dec 1969

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II European African Middle Eastern Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

On a shield per chevron argent and gules, in chief, a stylized silhouetted jet aircraft, issuing from chief, nose toward base azure; in base a sphere with land areas of the first and water areas of the third, grid lines black, over a branch of olive or, between two lightning bolts argent; superimposed overall and flanking the dexter and sinister, two stylized arrows or. (Approved, 5 Oct 1955)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

This organization briefly existed as the 6th Pursuit Wing between December 1940 and December 1941. As the 6th Fighter Wing, it moved to England in August, where it trained replacement pilots for fighter organizations until September 1943. The wing served in the Canal Zone 1946-1948. After becoming an Air Division in February 1951, it experienced several inactivations and activations, but its mission remained one of organizing and training assigned units for sustained long-range offensive bombardment and air to air refueling operations around the world. It supervised numerous deployments, exercises, and operations. In the 1960s, units under the division's control participated in Arc Light missions and controlled aircraft that flew weather reconnaissance missions in Southeast Asia.

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### **Sources**

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