

9 SPACE DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

9 Air Division (Tactical) established, 7 Apr 1949
Activated, 1 May 1949
Inactivated, 1 Aug 1950
Redesignated 9 Air Division (Defense), 21 Jun 1954
Activated, 8 Oct 1954
Inactivated, 15 Aug 1958
Redesignated 9 Aerospace Defense Division and activated, 14 Jul 1961
Organized, 15 Jul 1961
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1968
Redesignated 9 Space Division, 11 Sep 1990
Activated, 1 Oct 1990
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950
Geiger Field, WA, 8 Oct 1954-15 Aug 1958
Ent AFB, CO, 15 Jul 1961-1 Jul 1968
Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950

Western Air Defense Force, 8 Oct 1954-15 Aug 1958
Air (later, Aerospace) Defense Command, 14 Jul 1961-1 Jul 1968
Air Force Space Command, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

COMMANDERS

Maj William I. Williams, 1 May 1949
Lt Col Delbert H. Hahn, Jul 1949-unkn
Col Harrison R. Thyng, 8 Oct 1954
Brig Gen Sam W. Agee, 10 Jan 1955
Col Leon W. Gray, 8 Aug 1957
Brig Gen Ernest H. Beverly, 1 Sep 1957-15 Aug 1958
Col Robert W. Waltz, 19 Jul 1961
Col David B. Tudor, (acting), 31 Aug 1964
Maj Gen Horace A. Hanes, 30 Nov 1964
Maj Gen Oris B. Johnson, 2 Jul 1966-unkn
Brig Gen Jimmey R. Morrell, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1966-31 Dec 1967

EMBLEM





9 Aerospace Defense Division emblem

9 Space Division emblem: azure, a globe celeste gridlined of the first, surmounted at top by the aft end of two flight symbols ascending bendwise and bendwise sinister each emitting a contrail in saltire and arcing in orbit around the globe argent charged at the saltire juncture by a polestar or, all surrounded by nine mullets five arcing from base to dexter chief and four arcing from base to sinister chief white; all within a diminished bordure yellow. (Approved, 4 September 1990)

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OPERATIONS

From Oct 1954-Aug 1958, this division conducted air defense of the area in the Western Air Defense Force Region (the northwestern tip of Montana, all of Idaho, most of the eastern half of Washington) and supported the operations of the Strategic Air Command and the Military Air Transport Service. It participated in the United States Air Force collateral mission of antisubmarine warfare and administered, equipped, and trained for combat.

Assigned to the Aerospace Defense Command, the 9 Aerospace Division assumed responsibility for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, the Missile Defense Alarm System, the Space Detection and Tracking System, the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Combat operations Center, the Bomb Alarm System, and the Nuclear Detonation System from 1961-1968.

The 9 Space Division provided the Air Force Space Command (AFSPACECOM) with an action mechanism to "operationalize" the space launch capabilities of Eastern Space and Missile

Center and Western Space and Missile Center units transferred to AFSPACECOM during 1990-1991.

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Sources

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