

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

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

311<sup>th</sup> Photographic Wing, Mapping and Charting established, 31 Jan 1944  
Activated, 1 Feb 1944  
Redesignated 311<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, 30 Jul 1945  
Redesignated 311<sup>th</sup> Air Division, Reconnaissance, 16 Apr 1948  
Redesignated 311<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 5 Jan 1949  
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1949

## STATIONS

Bolling Field, DC, 1 Feb 1944  
Buckley Field, CO, 24 Nov 1944  
MacDill Field, FL, 17 Apr 1946  
Andrews Field, MD, 1 Jun 1947  
Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 20 Jul 1948  
Barksdale AFB, LA, 28 Oct-1 Nov 1949

## ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces, 1 Feb 1944  
Continental Air Forces (later, Strategic Air Command), 13 Dec 1945  
Fifteenth Air Force, 1 May 1946  
Strategic Air Command, 31 Mar 1947-1 Nov 1949

## COMMANDERS

Col George G. Northrup, 1 Feb 1944  
LTC Roy W. Gustafson, 16 Jan 1945  
Col Karl L. Polifka, 12 Feb 1945  
Col James F. Setchell, 16 Jul 1945  
Col Karl L. Polifka, 22 Oct 1945  
LTC Albert M. Welsh, 23 Feb 1946  
BG Donald R. Hutchison, 23 May 1946  
BG Paul T. Cullen, 18 Jun 1947  
MG Joseph H. Atkinson, 17 Mar-1 Nov 1949

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 311th began its existence in Feb 1944, at Bolling Field, DC, and operated in the United States for its entire active period. Subordinate units, between Feb 1944 and Aug 1945, deployed to diverse areas of the world such as Africa, the Middle East, the China Burma India Theater, Mexico, Canada, Alaska, and the Caribbean. These units conducted mapping and charting operations, and in some instances flew reconnaissance missions. After World War II, the 311th transferred to Continental Air Forces (later, Strategic Air Command), and in Mar 1946, became its primary reconnaissance organization, being designated as a division two years later.

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### Sources

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