

313th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

313th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy established, 15 Apr 1944

Activated, 23 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 15 Jun 1948

Redesignated 313th Air Division, 3 Jan 1955

Activated, 1 Mar 1955

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 23 Apr 1944

Colorado Springs, CO, 1 Jun 1944

Peterson Field, CO, 14 Jun-5 Nov 1944

North Field, Tinian, 24 Dec 1944

Clark Field (later, Air Base), Luzon, Philippine Islands, 17 Feb 1946-15 Jun 1948

Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Mar 1955-1 Oct 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 23 Apr 1944

XXI Bomber Command, 8 Jun 1944

Twentieth Air Force, 16 Jul 1945

Thirteenth Air Force, 13 Mar 1946-15 Jun 1948

Fifth Air Force, 1 Mar 1955-1 Oct 1991

COMMANDERS

BG John H. Davies, 23 Apr 1944

BG George W. Mundy, 25 Aug 1945
Col Herbert K. Baisley, 19 May 1947
BG Robert C. Oliver, 12 Jun-6 Aug 1947
None (not manned), 7 Aug 1947-15 Jun 1948
MG Fay R. Upthegrove, 1 Mar 1955
Col Curtis D. Sluman, 11 Jul 1955
BG William G. Hipps, 3 Sep 1955
BG Dale O. Smith, 8 Jan 1958
Col Wallace C. Barrett, 14 Aug 1958
MG Dale O. Smith, 24 Oct 1958
Col John H. de Russy, 28 Sep 1961
MG Robert M. Stillman, 5 Oct 1961
MG Albert P. Clark, 18 Jul 1963
Col James W. Newsome, 19 Jul 1965
MG Jay T. Robbins, 31 Jul 1965
MG Jerry D. Page, 1 Mar 1967
MG Oris B. Johnson, 6 Aug 1969
MG Lawrence F. Tanberg, 30 Aug 1971
BG Robert F. Titus, 29 May 1973
BG Clyde F. McClain, 3 Aug 1973
MG Walter H. Baxter III, 9 Jun 1976
BG James R. Brown, 22 Aug 1978
BG Thomas G. McInerney, 11 Feb 1981
MG Michael A. Nelson, 8 Jun 1983
BG Donald Snyder, 5 Jul 1984
BG Keith B. Connolly, 25 Aug 1986
BG Peter D. Robinson, 11 Sep 1987
BG Ralph T. Browning, 18 Aug 1988
BG Joseph E. Hurd, 17 Aug 1990-1 Oct 1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Western Pacific (Air)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1965-31 Dec 1966

1 Oct 1979-31 May 1980
1 Jun 1981-31 May 1983
1 Jun 1983-31 May 1984
1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986
1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

EMBLEM

On a shield azure, a silhouetted futuramic aircraft, volant in dexter chief, Air Force blue, fimbriated argent, with vapor trail forming an acute angular pattern from the aircraft to dexter base, the trail between three stars arched in bend sinister, one to chief, two to dexter of trail, all of the third, in sinister base an eagle volant of the second, fimbriated and detailed argent, grasping with his talons two bolts of lightning of the last. (Approved, 15 Jul 1957)

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OPERATIONS

After training in the United States, the 313th deployed to the Pacific, and by Dec 1944, subordinate units began flying missions, initially against Iwo Jima, the Truk Islands, and other Japanese held areas. Later, they flew incendiary raids on area targets in Japan, participated in mining operations in the Shimonoseki Strait, and contributed to the blockade of the Japanese Empire by mining harbors in Japan and Korea. In Apr 1945 the 313th assisted the invasion of Okinawa by bombing Japanese airfields used by kamikaze pilots. After the Japanese surrender in Aug, its units dropped food and supplies to Allied prisoners and participated in show-of-force flights over Japan. Early in 1946, the 313th transferred to the Philippine Islands where it conducted Bombardment training, aerial reconnaissance and mapping and construction projects. In Mar 1955, the organization assumed responsibility for air defense of the Ryukyu Islands and tactical operations in the Far East, maintaining assigned forces at the highest possible degree of combat readiness. In addition, it supported Fifth Air Force in the development, planning, and coordination of requirements for future Air Force operations in the Ryukyu Islands. The division also supported numerous exercises such as Cope Thunder, Cope Diamond, Team Spirit, and Cope North.

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Sources

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