

831 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

The 831st Airlift Division provided intermediate level command supervision between tactical units assigned to the division and higher echelons.

LINEAGE

831 Air Division established, 26 Sep 1957

Activated, 8 Oct 1957

Inactivated, 20 Apr 1971

Activated, 1 Dec 1980

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1991

STATIONS

George AFB, CA, 8 Oct 1957-20 Apr 1971

George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1980-31 Mar 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighteenth Air Force, 8 Oct 1957

Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1958-20 Apr 1971

Twelfth Air Force, 1 Dec 1980-31 Mar 1991

COMMANDERS

Col George Laven Jr., 8 Oct 1957

BG Avelin P. Tacon Jr., 30 Dec 1958

BG John A. Dunning, 8 Jun 1960

Col Richard C. Banbury, Mar 1962

BG William D. Dunham, 6 Jul 1962

BG Robert F. Worley, Sep 1963

BG James D. Kemp, Dec 1964

BG William E. Bryan Jr., Feb 1966

BG Cleo M. Bishop, 14 Oct 1967
Col Darrell S. Cramer, 28 Jun 1968
Col Carmel M. Shook, 9 Jun 1969
BG Frederick C. Blesse, 30 Jun 1970
Col Earl J. Archer, Jr., 11 Jan-20 Apr 1971
BG Richard L. Meyer, 1 Dec 1980
BG Bradley C. Hosmer, 6 Aug 1981
BG Luther E. Thweatt, 10 Aug 1982
BG Richard E. Carr, 29 Jun 1984
BG Malcolm B. Armstrong, 19 Dec 1985
BG Larry L. Henry, 18 May 1988
BG Richard C. Bethurem, 11 Jan 1990-31 Mar 1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1988-15 Jun 1989

EMBLEM



Azure, issuing from dexter and sinister chief two clouds proper emitting two lightning flashes saittirewise or surmounted in pale by a sword of the like, blade triparted gules, of the third, and of the fourth, between in orle ten mullets, three to dexter, three to sinister and four in base

gold; all within a diminished border argent voided of the fourth. (Approved, 11 Mar 1958)

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OPERATIONS

Early in 1965, the division assumed an advisory role with two Air Force Reserve units, the 349th Troop Carrier Wing and the 452d Troop Carrier Wing. Besides combat readiness, the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing trained pilots for duty in Southeast Asia until 1971. In Dec 1980, the division regained its world-wide deployment responsibility and trained Wild Weasel aircrews and aircraft used to destroy enemy controlled surface-to-air missile sites. In Aug 1990, the 831st deployed subordinate unit personnel and aircraft to Southwest Asia in support of Desert Shield and later, Desert Storm.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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