

839 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

839 Air Division established, 26 Sep 1957
Activated, 8 Oct 1957
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1974

STATIONS

Sewart AFB, TN, 8 Oct 1957-31 Dec 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 8 Oct 1957
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jul 1963
Ninth Air Force, 9 Nov 1964
Twenty-First Air Force, 1-31 Dec 1974

COMMANDERS

Col Charles W. Howe, 8 Oct 1957
BG Frederick Sutterlin, Jul 1960-Jun 1962
Col Lawrence F. Tanberg, Sep 1962
Col William G. Moore Jr., Sep 1963
BG Ernest C. Hardin Jr., 8 Mar 1965
Col Albert C. Rush, 31 Mar 1965
Unkn, 31 Mar 1965-31 Dec 1974

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



Azure, bendwise striking to sinister base a lightning flash or, garnished gules, overall a North Pole projection of the globe of the field fimbriated dark blue with land masses vert segmented argent throughout, between two eagles volant of the fourth, head and tail of the sixth, armed of the second, the one in base bearing a laurel branch in its beak of the fifth, all within a diminished border gold. (Approved, 16 Jun 1958)

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OPERATIONS

From Oct 1957, the division provided command and staff supervision of assigned units. Subordinate troop carrier units performed joint airborne training with Army forces, developed assault airlift operations, and participated in aerial demonstrations, tactical exercises, maneuvers, and joint operations. During 1966-1971, the assigned units provided worldwide airlift, aeromedical evacuation, and C-130 combat crew training. They supported forces deployed during the crises in Lebanon (Jul 1958), Taiwan (Aug 1958), Berlin (Sept 1961), Cuba (Oct-Nov 1962), and the Dominican Republic (Apr 1965-Sept 1966). The 839th also provided C-123 combat crew training (Sept 1969-Aug 1971) for both U.S. and Republic of Vietnam aircrews.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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