

1st AIR BASE WING



MISSION

1st Air Base Wing operated, administered, and maintained Andrews AFB, providing logistical support for tenants.

LINEAGE¹

1st Composite Wing established, 9 May 1969

Activated, 1 Jul 1969

Redesignated 1st Air Base Wing, 1 Jul 1976

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1977

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, Maryland, 1969-1977

ASSIGNMENTS

Headquarters Command, USAF, 1 Jul 1969

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

76th Airlift Division, 1 Jul 1976-30 Sep 1977

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1969-1972
C-54, 1969-1970
C-118, 1969-1975
C-131, 1969-1975
CH-21, 1969-1971
EC-135, 1969-1975
T-29, 1969-1973
T-33, 1969-1973
T-39, 1969-1975
TH-1, 1969-1971
UH-1, 1969-1976
CH-3, 1970-1976
VC-131, 1971-1975
KC-135, 1973-1975
E-4, 1974-1975

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen Richard A. Knobloch, 1 Jul 1969
Col Benjamin M. Matlick, Jr., 1 Feb 1970
Brig Gen Carlton L. Lee, 1 Mar 1970
Brig Gen Clarence J. Douglas, Jr., 25 Aug 1972
Brig Gen William E. Brown, Jr., 31 Jan 1975
Col Leonard R. Peterson, 17 Jun-30 Sep 1977

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1977

EMBLEM



1st Composite Wing emblem: On a shield per bend gules and azure, a conventional air base runway, throughout argent. Crest: On a wreath of the unit's colors (argent and azure), a quill or and a wrench gules in saltire, interlaced with a cogwheel azure. (Approved, 22 Apr 1955 for 1401st Air Base [later, 1001st Composite] Wing; used 1 Jul 1969-30 Sep 1977 by 1st Composite [later, 1st Air Base] Wing.)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Replaced 1001st Composite Wing, absorbing its personnel and resources, on 1 Jul 1969. Provided airborne and ground alert operations required for the support of a National Emergency Airborne Command Post (NEACP). Exercised command jurisdiction over Andrews AFB, Md, and over assigned elements. Supported tenant organizations at Andrews AFB. Provided flight management of mission support operations, including high priority airlift. Supported proficiency flying training of assigned and attached personnel, and for personnel of HQ USAF, HQ AFSC, and other organizations within the greater Washington, D.C., area. Furnished base support and services for transient aircraft, both domestic and foreign. Engaged in emergency airlift and search and rescue missions. Two composite squadrons inactivated on 30 Jun 1975, and the 1st AC&CS transferred on 1 Nov 1975, leaving only the CH-3s and UH-1s operated by the 1st Helicopter Squadron. The latter transferred on 1 Jul 1976. Replaced by 76 Air Base Group on 1 Oct 1977.