4th AIR DIVISION

LINEAGE

4th Bombardment Wing established, 19 Oct 1940
Activated, 18 Dec 1940
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1941
Activated, 7 Jun 1942
Redesignated 4th Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy), 30 Aug 1943
Redesignated 4th Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 24 Aug 1944
Disestablished, 18 Jun 1945
Reestablished and redesignated 4th Bombardment Wing, Light, 31 Dec 1946
Activated in the Reserve, 20 Dec 1946
Redesignated 4th Air Division, Bombardment, 16 Apr 1948
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 4th Air Division, 1 Feb 1951
Organized (Table of Distribution), 10 Feb 1951
Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952
Activated (Table of Organization), 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 4th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Sep 1964
Redesignated 4th Strategic Missile Division, 30 Jun 1971
Redesignated 4th Air Division, 1 Mar 1973
Inactivated, 23 Aug 1988

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 18 Dec 1940
Westover Field, MA, 20 Mar-1 Oct 1941
Westover Field, MA, 7 Jun 1942
Bolling Field, DC, 28 Jul-28 Aug 1942
Camp Lynn, England, 12 Sep 1942
Marks Hall, England, 18 Jan 1943
Camp Blainey, England, Jun 1943
Bury St Edmunds, England, 13 Sep 1943-18 Jun 1945

Mitchel Field, NY, 20 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949
Barksdale AFB, LA, 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952
Barksdale AFB, LA, 16 Jun 1952-1 Sep 1964
Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Sep 1964
Francis E. Warren AFB, WY, 30 Jun 1971-23 Aug 1988

ASSIGNMENTS
General Headquarters (GHQ) Air Force (apparently further assigned to Northeast Air District [later, 1st Air Force] c. 16 Jan 1941), 18 Dec 1940-1 Oct 1941
Eighth Air Force, 7 Jun 1942
3rd Bombardment Division, 13 Sep 1943-18 Jun 1945
First Air Force, 20 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949
Second Air Force, 16 Jun 1952
Fifteenth Air Force, 31 Mar 1970-23 Aug 1988

COMMANDERS
Col Richard H. Ballard, 18 Dec 1940
BG John B. Brooks, Jan 1941
Unknown 23 Jul 1941-1 Oct 1941
BG James H. Doolittle, Jun 1942
Col Charles T. Phillips, 1 Aug 1942
None (not manned) 29 Sep 1942-18 Jan 1943
LTC Thomas L. Dawson, C. 19 Jan 1943
LTC Charles C. Bye Jr., 27 Jan 1943
BG Frederick L. Anderson, 19 Apr 1943
Col Curtis E. LeMay, 18 Jun 1943
BG Russell A. Wilson, 14 Sep 1943
BG Frederick W. Castle, 6 Mar 1944
Col Charles B. Dougher, 25 Dec 1944
Col Robert W. Burns, 29 Jan 1945-unkn
None (not manned) 20 Dec 1946-5 Jan 1947
Unkn, 6 Jan 1947
BG Arthur L. McCullough, by Dec 1947-unkn
Col Thomas W. Steed, 10 Feb 1951
BG Henry K. Mooney, 22 May 1951
BG Fay R. Upthegrove, 22 Oct 1952
MG Frederick E. Glantzberg, 6 Jan 1953
BG Maurice A. Preston, 14 Jan 1954
BG Austin J. Russell, 25 May 1956
Col Robert C. Whipple, 1 Nov 1957
Col Julian M. Bleyer, 8 Apr 1958
Col Lewis E. Lyle, 1 Jul 1958
BG John A. Roberts, 6 Jan 1959
Col William F. Wilcox, 26 Jun 1963
MG William B. Campbell, 1 Sep 1964
BG William B. Martensen, 1 Jul 1965

Col Roy C. Crompton, 14 Sep 1966
BG Roger L. Hicks Jr., 12 Jul 1967
Col Gerald C. Fall Jr., 22 Feb 1969
BG Clifford W. Hargrove, 11 May 1969
BG Robert H. Gaughan, 26 Mar 1970
BG Robert R. Scott, 1 Jul 1971
BG Gerald C. Fall Jr., 8 Jun 1972
BG Melvin G. Bowling, 1 Aug 1974
BG Harold E. Gross, 8 Aug 1975
BG John R. Lasater, 23 May 1978
Col George H. Miller, 16 Jun 1979
BG David L. Patton, 16 Jul 1979
MG Ellie G. Shuler, 8 Sep 1981
BG Robert L. Kirtley, 4 Jul 1984
BG Denis L. Walsh, 13 Jun 1985
BG Arlen D. Jameson, 11 Jun 1987-23 Aug 1988

HONORS
Service Streamers
World War II
Europe African Middle East Theater

Campaign Streamers
None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers
None

Decorations
Distinguished Unit Citation
Germany, 17 Aug 1943

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1973

EMBLEM
Per bend, or and azure a terrestrial globe sable, markings argent, winged proper, enfiled and interfretted with a chain of twelve links of the third; a hand bendwise, proper issuing from the sinister base grasping the chain. (Approved, 18 Jun 1954)

Per pale or/and azure a base nebuly counterchanged below four mullets fesswise, two in dexter of the second, two in sinister argent, overall in pale a sword, blade to chief of the last garnished gray, all within a diminished ordure argent. (Approved, 25 Jun 1974)

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OPERATIONS

The 4th moved to England in 1943 and began bombing operations against German occupied Europe. Targets included shipyards, synthetic rubber plants, chemical plants, marshalling yards, and oil facilities. In 1944, some subordinate units attacked coastline defenses and marshalling yards in preparation for the Allied invasion of France. Some units supported ground troops during the Battle of the Bulge (Dec 1944-Jan 1945) and the assault across the Rhine (Mar-Apr 1945).

Activated at Barksdale in 1951, the 4th Air Division was established to provide command responsibility, supervision and operational control of two medium bombardment wings and the Air Base Group. With organization changes made at Barksdale, the role of the division changed and its area of interest WAS broadened. The job of the 4th Air Division evolved to supervise and monitor the tactical operations of three strategic wings located at three different bases. These wings were the 4238th at Barksdale, the 4228th at Columbus AFB, MS and the 4229th at Blytheville AFB, AR.

In 1962, units controlled by the 4th Air Division supported 2d Air Force's post attack command and control system, and became responsible for the Advanced Airborne Command Post. It participated in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 and trained in electronic countermeasures and conducted combat operations in Southeast Asia in the late 1960s. In 1982 the 4th assured that assigned units were capable of conducting strategic aerospace warfare using intercontinental ballistic missiles, long-range bombardment, and air refueling resources, according to the Emergency War Order. In addition, the division assumed airborne command and control responsibilities that consisted of supporting auxiliary airborne command post aircraft.

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