

## 11 AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)



### MISSION

The 11 Air Division provided for the air defense of northern Alaska and supervised base operations at major and minor installations in that area.

### LINEAGE

11 Air Division (Defense) established, 24 Oct 1950  
Organized, 1 Nov 1950  
Discontinued, 27 Apr 1951  
Activated, 27 Apr 1951  
Inactivated, 20 Jul 1951  
Activated, 8 Apr 1953  
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Aug 1960

### STATIONS

Ladd AFB, AK, 1 Nov 1950-27 Apr 1951  
Ladd AFB, AK, 27 Apr-20 Jul 1951  
Ladd AFB, AK, 8 Apr 1953-25 Aug 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

Alaskan Air Command, 1 Nov 1950-27 Apr 1951  
Alaskan Air Command, 27 Apr-20 Jul 1951  
Alaskan Air Command, 8 Apr 1953-25 Aug 1960

### COMMANDERS

Brig Gen David H. Baker, 1 Nov 1950-27 Apr 1951 (Additional Duty, 1 Nov 1950-Jan 1951)  
Brig Gen David H. Baker, 27 Apr-20 Jul 1951  
Brig Gen Donald B. Smith, 8 Apr 1953

Col Oscar A. Heinlein, Jul 1954  
Brig Gen T. Alan Bennett, 28 Aug 1954  
Col Lewis W. Stocking, 15 May 1957  
Brig Gen Kenneth H. Gibson, Jul 1957  
Brig Gen Conrad F. Necrason, 11 Sep 1957  
Brig Gen Gordon H. Austin, By Sep 1958-25 Aug 1960

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

A shield variegated azure (shades of blue) within a border argent, charged with eleven stars of blue, over all in bend a rocket or, tipped red, white and blue. (Approved, 30 Apr 1956)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

It furnished detachments at Ice Station Alpha, Drift Station Charlie (November 1957 August 1960), and Drift Station Bravo (T-3) (July 1959-August 1960), in the Arctic Ocean.

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### Sources

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