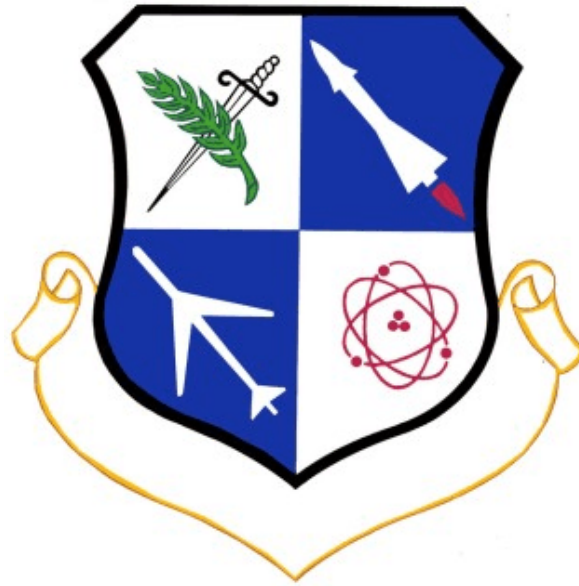


## 14 AIR DIVISION



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

14 Pursuit Wing established, 19 Oct 1940  
Activated, 1 Nov 1940  
Inactivated, 23 Jan 1942  
Redesignated 14 Bombardment Wing, 23 Aug 1942  
Activated, 1 Oct 1942  
Redesignated 14 Bombardment Wing (Heavy), 1 Feb 1943  
Redesignated 14 Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 7 Aug 1944  
Redesignated 14 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 15 Jun 1945  
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945  
Redesignated 14 Air Division, 1 Feb 1951  
Organized, 10 Feb 1951  
Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952  
Activated, 16 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 14 Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Mar 1962  
Redesignated 14 Air Division, 31 Mar 1972  
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1991

#### STATIONS

Wheeler Field, TH, 1 Nov 1940  
Fort Shafter, TH, 17 Dec 1941-23 Jan 1942  
MacDill Field, FL, 1 Oct 1942-May 1943  
Camp Lynn, High Wycombe, England, 1 Jun 1943  
Hethel, England, 4 Jun 1943  
Camp Thomas, Old Patton, England, c. 1 Jul 1943  
Shipdham, England, 13 Sep 1943

Bury St Edmonds, England, 13 Jun-26 Aug 1945  
McChord Field, WA, 6 Sep-7 Nov 1945  
Travis AFB, CA, 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952  
Travis AFB, CA, 16 Jun 1952  
Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jan 1960-1 Sep 1991

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Hawaiian Air Force, 1 Nov 1940-23 Jan 1942  
Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1942  
VIII Bomber Command, 4 Jun 1943  
2 Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy), Aug 1943  
2 Bombardment (later, 2 Air) Division, 13 Sep 1943  
3 Air Division, 16 Jun-26 Aug 1945  
Army Service Forces, 27 Aug 1945  
Fourth Air Force, 6 Sep-7 Nov 1945  
Fifteenth Air Force, 10 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952  
Fifteenth Air Force, 16 Jun 1952-1 Sep 1991

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Third Air Force, 1 Oct 1942-11 May 1943  
96 Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 5-15 Jun 1945

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Harvey S. Burwell, 1 Nov 1940  
Brig Gen Howard Davidson, 7 May 1941-23 Jan 1942  
Unkn, 1 Oct-15 Dec 1942  
Maj Alan W. Detweiler, 16 Dec 1942  
Ltc Roderick N. Ott By May 1943  
Brig Gen Leon W. Johnson, 13 Sep 1943  
Col Frederick R. Dent, 4 Apr 1944  
Brig Gen Leon W. Johnson, 28 Apr 1944  
Col Allen W. Reed, By 20 Nov 1944  
Brig Gen Leon W. Johnson, 31 Dec 1944  
Col Allen W. Reed, By 8 Jun 1945  
Brig Gen Robert W. Burns, 16 Jun 1945  
Ltc Charles D. Birdsall, 24 Jul 1945  
Col Robert W. Humphreys, 5 Aug 1945-Unkn  
Brig Gen Joe W. Kelly, 10 Feb 1951  
Col John M. Sterling, 16 Sep 1951  
Brig Gen Richard H. Carmichael, 22 Oct 1951-16 Jun 1952  
Brig Gen Richard H. Carmichael, 16 Jun 1952  
Brig Gen Stanley J. Donovan, 16 May 1953  
Brig Gen Alfred F. Kalberer, 1 Aug 1955  
Col Lucion N. Powell, 1 Jul 1956  
Brig Gen Alfred F. Kalberer, 31 Jul 1956  
Col Lucion N. Powell, 16 Jun 1957

Brig Gen Charles M. Eisenhart, 1 Aug 1957  
Brig Gen Robert B. Miller, 1 Jul 1959  
Col Lawrence S. Lightner, 1 Aug 1961  
Brig Gen Sam J. Byerley, 20 Feb 1963  
Brig Gen John A. Desportes, 20 Sep 1965  
Brig Gen Douglas T. Nelson, 11 Dec 1966  
Brig Gen Paul N. Bacalis, 29 Jul 1968  
Brig Gen Frank W. Elliot Jr., 26 Jan 1970  
Brig Gen Robert H. Gaughn, 1 Jul 1971  
Brig Gen Edgar S. Harris Jr., 24 Sep 1971  
Brig Gen Don D. Pittman, 11 Jun 1973  
Col Junior B. Reed, 15 Aug 1974  
Brig Gen Albert L. Melton, 26 Aug 1974  
Brig Gen Bill V. Brown, 1 Sep 1977  
Col Frank J. Kisner, (Acting) 3 Jan 1979  
Brig Gen John A. Brashear, 17 Feb 1979  
Col Van A. Depriest, (Additional Duty) 28 Nov 1980  
Brig Gen Monroe W. Hatch Jr., 17 Feb 1981  
Brig Gen Jesse S. Hocker, 14 Feb 1982  
Brig Gen John R. Farrington, 1 Oct 1984  
Brig Gen Howell Estes, 25 Jun 1987  
Brig Gen Kenneth F. Keller, 19 Aug 1988  
Brig Gen Lawrence A. Mitchell, 21 Sep 1989-1 Sep 1991

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II

European African Middle Eastern Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Central Pacific

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



Per quarter, the first and fourth argent, second and third azure, on the first quarter a sword point to base proper, hilt or pommel sable surmounted by an olive branch vert in saltire, on the second quarter a stylized missile of the first emitting a vapor trail gules, on the third quarter a stylized aircraft bendwise of the first and on the fourth quarter an atomic symbol of the sixth, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. (Approved, 26 Nov 1962)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Activated in Hawaii to contribute to the defense of the Hawaiian Islands, the 14 Pursuit Wing suffered heavy losses during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (7 December 1941), but airmen managed to shoot down several enemy aircraft. As a bombardment wing, it moved to England in May 1943 and received groups in September 1943.

The groups flew bombing missions against German airfields, oil installations, and marshalling yards.

Wing components supported the Normandy invasion in June 1944 by attacking strong points in the beachhead area and transportation targets behind the front lines.

Later, in December 1944-January 1945, the wing helped to check the German offensive during the Battle of the Bulge. In March 1945, subordinate units supported the airborne assault across the Rhine. From 1951-1991, they provided operational reconnaissance, maintained round the clock radar surveillance to detect sea launched ballistic missiles from the Pacific Ocean area, and provided for crisis management during periods of increased operational readiness.

For a brief period, 1962-1965, the division maintained a Titan ICBM complex, in addition to its assigned aircraft.

The division also supervised all of SAC's initial combat crew training for the KC-135, B-52G/H, U-2, and SR-71.

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