

## 18 STRATEGIC AEROSPACE DIVISION



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

18 Composite Wing established, 8 May 1929  
Activated, 1 May 1931  
Redesignated 18 Wing, 1 Sep 1937  
Redesignated 18 Bombardment Wing, 19 Oct 1940  
Inactivated, 29 Jan 1942  
Redesignated 18 Replacement Wing, 17 Jun 1942  
Activated, 23 Jun 1942  
Disestablished, 11 Apr 1944  
Reestablished and redesignated 18 Air Division, 20 May 1959  
Activated, 1 Jul 1959  
Redesignated 18 Strategic Aerospace Division, 15 Feb 1962  
Discontinued and inactivated, 2 Jul 1968

#### STATIONS

Fort Shafter, TH, 1 May 1931  
Hickam Field, TH, 30 Oct 1937-29 Jan 1942  
Salt Lake City, UT, 23 Jun 1942-11 Apr 1944  
Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Jul 1959-2 Jul 1968

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Hawaiian Department, 1 May 1931  
Hawaiian Air Force, 1 Nov 1940-29 Jan 1942  
Second Air Force, 23 Jun 1942-11 Apr 1944  
Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1959-2 Jul 1968

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Gerald C. Brant, May 1931  
Lt Col Delos C. Emmons, Aug 1934  
Lt Col John C. McDonnell, Jul 1936  
Lt Col Hume Peabody, Jul 1936  
Lt Col John C. McDonnell, Jul 1936  
Brig Gen Barton K. Yount, Sep 1936  
Col Millard F. Harmon, Jul 1937  
Brig Gen Barton K. Yount, Jul 1937  
Brig Gen Walter H. Frank, Sep 1938  
Col Shepler W. Fitzgerald, Jul 1940  
Col Howard C. Davidson, Oct 1940  
Brig Gen Jacob H. Rudolph, 25 Nov 1940  
Brig Gen Willis H. Hale, 20-29 Jan 1942  
Col Henry W. Harms, 23 Jun 1942  
Col Frank W. Wright, 30 Jan 1944  
Col Henry W. Harms, 27 Mar-11 Apr 1944  
Col Lester F. Miller (Temporary), 1 Jul 1959  
Brig Gen Harold W. Ohlke, 16 Jul 1959  
Mg William C. Kingsbury, 19 Jul 1963  
Brig Gen Francis W. Nye, 1 Apr 1966  
Brig Gen Arthur W. Holderness Jr., 23 Oct 1967-2 Jul 1968

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

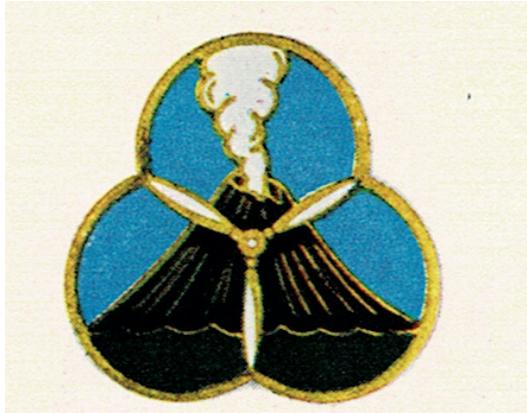
### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Central Pacific

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



### 18 Wing

Approved January 1, 1940. The volcano represents inherent power; arising from the ocean, it depicts air bases in Hawaii. The leaves of the trefoil stand for the three groups composing the wing. The propeller represents the Air Forces and the tie that links them all together.



On a sky proper, two cloud formations, one issuant from sinister chief, the other from dexter base fesswise argent, surmounted by an olive branch originating in dexter base and extending to chief in pale or, overall a bend diminished to chief sable fimbriated of the second and charged with three lightning flashes radiant from dexter chief bendwise gules, each flash terminating in sinister base near a mullet one and two bendwise of the second and all within a diminished border of the third. (Approved, 14 Jun 1960).

### MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

The 18 Wing served as part of the defense force for the Hawaiian Islands from 1 May 1931-29 Jan 1942.

It inactivated after suffering disastrous losses on 7 December 1941. From Jun 1942-Apr 1944, it operated as a Replacement Wing, processing personnel entering Second Air Force. Redesignated an Air Division on 1 Jul 1959, it assured that assigned wings were organized,

manned, trained, and equipped to conduct long-range bombardment operations using either nuclear or conventional weapons. The division also developed and maintained a strategic missile operational capability. Between 1965 and 1968, subordinate units of the 18 loaned aircraft and aircrews to SAC organizations in Southeast Asia for combat operations.

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