

19 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

19 Composite Wing established, 8 May 1929
Activated, 1 Apr 1931
Redesignated 19 Wing, 14 Jul 1937
Redesignated 19 Bombardment Wing, 19 Oct 1940
Inactivated, 25 Oct 1941
Activated, 24 Jul 1942
Redesignated IX Bomber Command, 17 Nov 1942
Redesignated 9 Bombardment Division, Medium, 30 Aug 1944
Redesignated 9 Air Division, 10 May 1945
Inactivated, 20 Nov 1945
Activated in the Reserve, 20 Dec 1946
Redesignated 19 Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, 31 Dec 1946
Redesignated 19 Air Division, Bombardment, 16 Apr 1948
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 19 Air Division, 1 Feb 1951
Organized, 16 Feb 1951
Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952
Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1988

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Apr 1931-19 Jan 1933
Albrook Field, CZ, 25 Jan 1933-25 Oct 1941

MacDill Field, FL, 24 Jul-28 Sep 1942
Cairo, Egypt, 11 Nov 1942
Ismailia, Egypt, 12 Nov 1942
Bengasi, Libya, 15 Feb-1 Oct 1943
Marks Hall, England, 6 Nov 1943
Chartres, France, 18 Sep 1944
Reims, France, Oct 1944
Namur, Belgium, Apr-20 Nov 1945
Birmingham AAB, (later, Municipal Airport), AL, 20 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949
Carswell AFB, TX, 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952
Carswell AFB, TX, 16 Jun 1952-30 Sep 1988

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Corps Area, 1 Apr 1931
Panama Canal Department, 25 Jan 1933-25 Oct 1941
Ninth Air Force, 24 Jul 1942-20 Nov 1945
Fourteenth Air Force, 20 Dec 1946
Ninth Air Force, 22 Dec 1948
Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb-27 Jun 1949
Eighth Air Force, 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952
Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1952
Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1955
Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1975-30 Sep 1988

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt Jared V. Crabb, 1 Apr 1931
2nd Lt Roland O. S. Akre, 15 Mar 1933
2nd Lt Neal E. Ausman, 28 Mar 1933
2nd Lt Jared V. Crabb, 8 Apr 1933
Col William C. Mcchord, 2 Sep 1933
Lt Col John M. Reynolds, 11 Oct 1935
Lt Col Donald P. Muse, 15 Dec 1935
Lt Col Junius H. Houghton, 10 Mar 1936
Lt Col Charles T. Phillips, 18 Jul 1936
Brig Gen George H. Brett, 20 Aug 1936
Lt Col Benjamin G. Weir, 9 Sep 1936
Brig Gen Herbert A. Dargue, 13 Oct 1938
Brig Gen Douglas B. Netherwood, 18 Oct 1940
Brig Gen Edwin B. Lyon, Aug 41-25 Oct 1941
Unkn, 24 Jul-11 Nov 1942
Brig Gen Patrick W. Timberlake, 12 Nov 1942
Brig Gen Uzal G. Ent, 18 Mar 1943
Maj Gen Samuel E. Anderson, 16 Oct 1943
Brig Gen Richard C. Sanders, 24 May 1945

Col Reginald F. C. Vance, 12 Aug Nov 1945
Maj Gen Clarence S. Irvine, 16 Feb 1951
Brig Gen Joe W. Kelly, 10 Apr-16 Jun 1952
Brig Gen Joe W. Kelly, 16 Jun 1952
Brig Gen John D. Ryan, 4 Aug 1953
Brig Gen Nils O. Ohman, 17 Sep 1956
Brig Gen Howard W. Moore, 1 Sep 1961
Brig Gen William W. Wilcox, 1 Jul 1965
Brig Gen James H. Thompson, 24 Apr 1967
Brig Gen George H. Mckee, 15 Jul 1968
Brig Gen A. W. Holderness Jr., Mar 1970
Brig Gen Ray B. Sitton, 27 May 1971
Maj Gen James R. Allen, 25 Jan 1972
Brig Gen John W. Burkhart, 1 Aug 1972
Col Thomas P. Conlin, 1 Apr 1973
Brig Gen Thomas F. Rew, 23 Apr 1973
Brig Gen Thomas P. Conlin, 21 Jan 1974
Brig Gen Richard A. Burpee, 17 Jan 1977
Brig Gen Lyman E. Buzard, 1 Jul 1979
Brig Gen Harley A. Hughes, 25 Sep 1981
Brig Gen Rudolph F. Wacker, 18 Aug 1982
Brig Gen Loring R. Astorino, 1 May 1984
Brig Gen Robert M. Alexander, 15 Jul 1986
Col William O. West Iii, Jun 1988
Col Julio A. Echeagaray, Aug-30 Sep 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II European African Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

From 1 Apr 1931-25 Oct 1941, the 19 Wing defended the Panama Canal, participated in maneuvers, flew patrol missions, made good will flights to Central and South American countries, and flew mercy missions in South America. In January 1939, it flew missions to aid earthquake victims in Santiago, Chile.

As the IX Bomber Command, transferred to North Africa in 1942, where its subordinate units attacked enemy storage areas, motor transports, troop concentrations, airdromes, bridges, shipping, and other targets in Libya, Tunisia, and other areas. It moved to England in Nov 1943, and its assigned units bombed German occupied territory in Europe through May 1945. Redesignated as 19 Bombardment Wing, it served another brief period with the Reserve from 1946-1949, carrying out routine training activities. It was redesignated again in Feb 1951, to Air Division, and some of its subordinate units trained in, and flew B-36 aircraft. These same units were later equipped with B-52 and KC-135 aircraft and trained in global strategic bombardment

and air refueling operations. In early 1960, several of its assigned units evaluated various models of the B-58 aircraft, while at the same time operating a combat crew training school to train SAC aircrews in the B-58 weapons system. Following evaluation of the B-58, these units utilized the aircraft in the strategic bombardment role. In January 1967, the division began deploying B-52 aircraft and aircrews to Southeast Asia for combat operations, continuing until 1973. In 1975, the 19 provided air refueling support for the evacuation of Vietnamese and Americans from South Vietnam. After 1975, the division insured its subordinate units were manned, trained, equipped, and operationally ready to conduct bombing and air refueling missions, and if necessary, to launch intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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