

29th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

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29th Air Division (Defense) established, 29 Jan 1951
Activated, 1 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952
Organized, 1 Feb 1952
Redesignated 29th Air Division (SAGE), 1 Jan 1960
Redesignated 29th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 19 Nov 1969

STATIONS

Great Falls AFB, MT, 1 Mar 1951-1 Feb 1952
Great Falls (later, Malmstrom) AFB, MT, 1 Feb 1952
Richards Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Jul 1961
Duluth International Airport, MN, 1 Apr 1966-19 Nov 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Western Air Defense Force, 1 Mar 1951 -1 Feb 1952
Central Air Defense Force, 16 Feb 1953
Air Defense Command, 1 Jan 1960
Tenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966
First Air Force, 15 Sep-19 Nov 1969

COMMANDERS

Col Paul E. Greiner, 1 Mar 1951
Col Edward N. Backus, 31 Aug 1952
BG James O. Guthrie, 31 Aug 1953
BG Harold L. Neely, 31 Jul 1956
BG Cecil P. Lessig, 30 Nov 1959
MG Wendell W. Bowman, 1 Jul 1961 (interim)
MG Dolf E. Muehleisen, 24 Jul 1961
MG Thomas K. McGehee, 30 Jan 1965
Col James K. Dowling, 1 Apr 1966
Col Robert P. Howle Jr., 19 Aug 1967
Col Converse B. Kelly, 31 Oct 1967
Col James M. Fogle, 28 Feb 1969
Col William F. Shaeffer, 31 Aug-19 Nov 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

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OPERATIONS

The division maintained a Direction Center at Richards Gebaur AFB, Missouri, as part of the integrated air defense system of the Air Defense Command. In 1951, it assumed responsibility for the air defense of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and parts of Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. By 1953, the area changed to include North and South Dakota and Nebraska. The 29th supervised the training of its units, and participated in numerous training exercises. In 1966, the division's area changed again to include Minnesota, parts of Wisconsin, and North Dakota, and further expanded to cover most of Iowa by 1969.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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