

30th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

The 30th Air Division equipped, administered, trained, and provided operationally ready forces to the appropriate NORAD/CONAD commanders for air defense of a designated area of responsibility that embraced at various times the Midwest part of the United States, from Kentucky to Minnesota, and from Nebraska to New York. The division trained attached and assigned units and supervised and participated in numerous exercises such as Kiowa Knife and Mandan Indian.

LINEAGE

30th Air Division (Defense), established, 8 Nov 1949
Activated, 16 Dec 1949
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952
Organized, 1 Feb 1952
Redesignated 30th Air Division (SAGE), 1 Apr 1959
Redesignated 30th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966
Discontinued and inactivated, 18 Sep 1968

STATIONS

Selfridge AFB, MI, 16 Dec 1949-1 Feb 1952
Selfridge AFB, MI, 1 Feb 1952
Willow Run Airport (later, Willow Run AFS), Detroit, MI, 7 Apr 1952

Truax Field, WI, 1 Apr 1959
Sioux City Municipal Airport, IA, 1 Apr 1966-18 Sep 1968

ASSIGNMENTS

Tenth Air Force, 16 Dec 1949
Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Sep 1950-1 Feb 1952
Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952
Air Defense Command, 1 Jul 1959
Tenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-18 Sep 1968.

ATTACHMENTS

Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Jan 31 Aug 1950

COMMANDERS

Col James B. Burwell, 16 Dec 1949
BG Edwin L Tucker, 1 Dec 1950-1 Feb 1952
BG Edwin L. Tucker, 1 Feb 1952
BG Benjamin J. Webster, by 31 Aug 1955
BG T. Edwinson, by 31 Aug 1957
MG James C. Jensen, 1 Apr 1959
BG Kenneth H. Gibson, 15 Jul 1961
MG Donald R. Hutchinson, 15 Aug 1961
MG Frederick R. Terrell, 1 Jul 1962
Col Joseph H. Belser, 1 Apr 1966
BG Rexford H. Dettre, 8 Aug 1967-18 Sep 1968

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Apr-30 Jun 1966

EMBLEM



30th Air Division (Defense) emblem





30th Air Division emblem: Per bend argent and azure in sinister three polygon symbols sinister bendwise one and two of the second, in dexter three lightning flashes or points to base. (Approved, 7 Oct 1954)

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OPERATION

Air Force Order of Battle
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