

33rd AIR DIVISION



MISSION

The 33rd Air Division had air defense responsibility for an area encompassing Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and parts of Kansas, Missouri, and Mississippi in Mar 1951. Later, in 1966, its area changed to cover parts of North and South Carolina and Virginia. The division supervised, administered, and trained its assigned units and, in doing so, participated in numerous live and simulated exercises.

LINEAGE

33rd Air Division (Defense) established, 5 Mar 1951
Activated, 19 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952
Organized, 1 Feb 1952
Redesignated 33rd Air Division (SAGE), 1 Jan 1960
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 33rd Air Division and activated, 20 Jan 1966
Organized, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 19 Nov 1969

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 19 Mar 1951-1 Feb 1952
Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Feb 1952
Oklahoma City AFS, OK, 8 May 1956
Richards Gebaur, AFB, MO, 1 Jan 1960-1 Jul 1961
Fort Lee AFS, VA, 19 Apr 1966-19 Nov 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Defense Force, 19 Mar 1951
Central Air Defense Force, 20 May 1951-1 Feb 1952
Central Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952
Air Defense Command, 1 Jan 1960-1 Jul 1961
Air Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966
First Air Force, 1 Apr 1966-19 Nov 1969

COMMANDERS

LTC Harry Schwartzberg, 19 Mar 1951
Col Victor H. Strahm, 22 Mar 1951-1 Feb 1952
BG Victor H. Strahm, 1 Feb 1952
LTC Milton E. Thompson, 19 Apr 1952
Col Benjamin F. Whitsell, 7 May 1952
Col Robert C. Brown, 6 Jun 1952
BG Romulus W. Puryear, 17 Jun 1952
BG William P. Nuckels, 26 Jul 1954
Col John T. Fitzwater, 9 Oct 1957
MG Wendell W. Bowman, 1 Jan 1960-1 Jul 1961
None (not manned), 20 Jan-31 Mar 1966
Col Jean H. Daugherty, 1 Apr 1966
Col Frank A. Hill, 30 Jun 1967
Col R. A. Robinson, by 30 Sep 1969-19 Nov 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



33rd Air Division emblem: Azure, on a radar scope or with lines sable the silhouette of an aircraft bendwise of the last. (Approved, 24 Sep 1953)

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OPERATIONS

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