

57th AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

8 Pursuit Wing established, 19 Oct 1940
Activated, 6 Nov 1940
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1941
Redesignated 8 Fighter Wing, 6 Jul 1942
Activated, 24 Jul 1942
Redesignated 57th Bombardment Wing, 6 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 12 Sep 1945
Redesignated 57th Air Division, 10 Apr 1951
Organized, 16 Apr 1951
Discontinued, 16 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952
Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 2 Jul 1969
Activated, 22 Jan 1975
Inactivated, 14 Jun 1991

STATIONS

Maxwell Field, AL, 6 Nov 1940
West Palm Beach AB (later, Morrison Field), FL, 16 May-1 Nov 1941
Drew Field, FL, 24 Jul-29 Oct 1942
Bombay, India, 29 Nov 1942
Declali, India, 3 Dec 1942

Port Tewfik, Egypt, 22 Dec 1942
Landing Ground 91 (near Cairo), Egypt, 23 Dec 1942
El Kabrit, Egypt, 12 Feb 1943
Deversoir, Egypt, 5 Jun 1943
Tunis, Tunisia, 28 Aug 1943
Lentini, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943
Naples, Italy, 7 Oct 1943
Foggia, Italy, 29 Oct 1943
Trocchia, Italy, 4 Jan 1944
Ghisonaccia, Corsica, 20 Apr 1944
Migliacharo, Corsica, 5 Oct 1944
Fano, Italy, 7 Apr 1945
Pomigliano Staging Airdrome No. 2, Italy, 23 Aug-12 Sep 1945
Fairchild AFB, WA, 16 Apr 1951-16 Jun 1952
Fairchild AFB, WA, 16 Jun 1952
Westover AFB, MA, 4 Sep 1956-2 Jul 1969
Minot AFB, ND, 22 Jan 1975-14 Jun 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

General Headquarters Air Force, 6 Nov 1940
Southeast Air District (later, Third Air Force), 16 Jan 1941
Interceptor Command (of Third Air Force), 21 Apr 1941
III Interceptor Command, 1 Jul 1 Nov 1941
IX Fighter Command, 24 Jul 1942
Ninth Air Force, 22 Dec 1942
Twelfth Air Force, 23 Aug 1943
XII Air Support Command, 31 Aug 1943
XII Bomber Command, 1 Jan 1944
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Mar 1944
Army Air Forces Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 15 Aug 12 Sep 1945
Fifteenth Air Force, 16 Apr 1951 16 Jun 1952
Fifteenth Air Force, 16 Jun 1952
Eighth Air Force, 4 Sep 1956 2 Jul 1969
Fifteenth Air Force, 22 Jan 1975 14 Jun 1991

ATTACHMENTS

III Fighter Command, 26 Jul 28 Oct 1942
IX Fighter Command, 22 Dec 1942-unkn 1943

COMMANDERS

Capt Harold H. Fulk, 6 Nov 1940-1 Mar 1941
Lt Col John W. Monahan 1 Mar 1941-1 Nov 1941
Unkn, 24 Jul 1942-Mar 1943
Col Thomas C. Darcy, Mar 1943-Unkn

Unkn, Jun-20 Aug 1943
Capt John J. Darmody, 21 Aug 1943
Col William S. Gravely, 15 Oct 1943-1 Jan 1944
Unkn (Manned As A Paper Unit), 2 Jan 1944
Brig Gen Gen Robert D. Knapp, 1 Mar 1944
Col Anthony G. Hunter, 24 May-12 Sep 1945
Brig Gen Charles J. Bondley Jr., 16 Apr 1951-16 Jun 1952
Brig Gen Charles J. Bondley Jr., 16 Jun 1952
Brig Gen Gen David Wade, 1 Nov 1952
Brig Gen James V. Edmundson, 20 Mar 1954
Brig Gen Edwin B. Broadhurst, 18 Jan 1955
Col Bryson R. Bailey, 14 May 1956 (Acting)
Col Clarence A. Neely, 8 Aug 1956
Col Selmon D. Wells, 4 Sep 1956 (Temporary)
Brig Gen Donald W. Saunders, 24 Sep 1956
Col George W. R. Zethren, 28 Jun 1958
Brig Gen Perry M. Hoisington li, 1 Aug 1958
Col Olbert F. Lassiter, 3 Aug 1959 (Additional Duty)
Brig Gen John C. Meyer, 9 Sep 1959
Col Delmore P. Wood, 13 Sep 1961 (Additional Duty)
Brig Gen Alvan C. Gillem li, 25 Sep 1961
Brig Gen Howard A. Davis, 29 Jul 1963
Brig Gen Edward M. Nichols Jr., 19 Feb 1964
Col Wallace Wall Jr., 1 Jul 1966
Col Warren D. Johnson, By 10 Jul 1967
Brig Gen Alan C. Edmunds, 22 Aug 1968-2 Jul 1969
Brig Gen George D. Miller, 30 Jan 1975
Brig Gen James E. Light, By 4 Aug 1976
Brig Gen Clyde H. Garner, 18 Oct 1977
Brig Gen James D. Gormley, 8 Sep 1978
Brig Gen Stanley C. Beck, 12 Sep 1979
Brig Gen John A. Shaud, 25 Aug 1980
Brig Gen Samuel H. Swart Jr., Dec 1982
Brig Gen Frederick A. Fiedler, Jan 1986
Brig Gen John L. Borling, 11 Jun 1987
Brig Gen Raymund E. O'mara, 8 Jun 1988
Brig Gen Robert E. Linhard, 20 Sep 1989
Brig Gen Mark A. Lillard lii, 29 Jan 1991
Col David L. Young, 25 May-14 Jun 1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Naples Foggia (Air)
Rome Arno

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



Per bend azure and gules, a bend argent between in chief a globe of the third lined sable emitting three lightning flashes or and issuing from base a hand holding a torch of the fourth garnished of the fifth flammant of the second and silver. (Approved, 7 Apr 1954)

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OPERATIONS

Established as the 8 Pursuit Wing, it conducted training 1940-1941. As a paper unit, it moved to India and then to Egypt in Dec 1942, finally gained personnel and aircraft, and became operational in Mar 1944. Initially, the 57th flew close air support missions against enemy troops and gun emplacements in the vicinity of Anzio, Italy; later, it flew bombing missions against railway marshalling yards at Foligno, Littoria, and Terni, Italy. Between 19 Mar and 11 May 1944 the 57th took part in "Operation Strangle" to destroy Italian marshalling yards, railroad repair facilities and other rail targets such as bridges, tunnels, and viaducts. It continued to fly close air support and interdiction missions in Italy throughout the war, and supported the invasion of southern France on 15 Aug 1944.

Redesignated 57th Air Division in 1951, it assumed a supervisory role of subordinate Bombardment units. Its units trained to conduct long range Bombardment, air refueling, and strategic reconnaissance operations around the world.

In 1980 the 57th reorganized to employ SAC conventional strategic forces (bomber, tanker, and reconnaissance) in crisis situations worldwide.

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