

1st SPACE WING



LINEAGE

1st Space Wing constituted, 18 Oct 1982
Activated 1 Jan 1983
Inactivated 15 May 1992

STATIONS

Peterson AFB, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Space Command

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1983-30 Apr 1984

EMBLEM

Azure from chief two rays pilewise or, terminating at base on a demi-globe light blue edged and grid-lined sable, surmounting the rays and globe are two uneven ellipses saltirewise argent, each intersected with a mullet of four points of the second and delineated of the fourth; positioned between the rays at dexter chief a globe and at sinister a mullet of five points and below them a smaller mullet of the same all of the fifth, all within a diminished bordure of the second. The globe represents the earth as viewed from space; the earth being both the origin and control point for all man-made space activities, The lines of latitude and longitude emphasize the global nature of Air Force space operations. The two uneven ellipses represent both low and high orbital paths traced by satellites in earth orbit shown as four-point stars, The two yellow rays depict space surveillance and communications capability from ground base sensors. The larger of the two stars represents the Space Command, and the smaller and closest star to earth represents the 1st Space Wing of the Space Command. The two stars also along with the distinctive blue shading and small globe symbolize the space environment.

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OPERATIONS

1st Space Wing provided day-to-day management for its worldwide sensor network of missile warning, space surveillance and satellite communications sites. The sites are located throughout the world from Alaska to Australia and provide data to both North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command operation centers at Cheyenne Mountain AFB. The 1st SW also controls daily support functions at its worldwide sites and has host base responsibilities at Thule AB, Greenland; Sondrestrom AB, Greenland; Cavalier AFS, N.D.; Clear AFS, Alaska; Cape Cod AFS, Mass.; Eldorado AFS, Texas; and Maui, Hawaii.

The deputy commander for operations provides overall wing management and guidance to operational units assigned to the wing. Responsibilities include setting job requirements and managing the training, standardization and evaluation programs. This includes conducting command-directed evaluations and staff assistance visits. Additionally, the deputy commander for operations develops and maintains operational procedure regulations for field units.

Peterson Air Force Base became the hub of Air Force space activity when the 1st Space Wing assumed host unit responsibility following the inactivation of the 46th Aerospace Defense Wing on 1 Apr 1983. The 1st Space Wing then transferred host unit responsibility to the 3d Space Support Wing, which activated on 15 Oct 1986. Finally, on 15 May 1992, these two wings inactivated and their personnel and equipment transferred to the 21st Space Wing, which activated on 15 May 1992.

1 Space Wing Detachments
Det 1, Socorro, NM
Det 2, Taegu, South Korea
Det 3, Puuene, Hi

Det 4, Diego Garcia

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