

10th AIR BASE WING



LINEAGE

10th Reconnaissance Wing, established, 14 Nov 1947
Organized, 3 Dec 1947
Redesignated 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 25 Aug 1948
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1949
Activated, 10 Jul 1952
Redesignated 10th Tactical Fighter Wing, 20 Aug 1987
Redesignated 10th Air Base Wing, 31 Mar 1993
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1994
Activated, 1 Nov 1994

STATIONS

Pope Field (later, AFB), NC, 3 Dec 1947–1 Apr 1949
Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 10 Jul 1952
Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 9 May 1953
RAF Alconbury, England, 25 Aug 1959–1 Nov 1994
USAF Academy, CO, 1 Nov 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 3 Dec 1947
Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb–1 Apr 1949
Twelfth Air Force, 10 Jul 1952
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1958
Third Air Force, 25 Aug 1959
Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961
Third Air Force, 1 Sep 1963–1 Nov 1994
United States Air Force Academy, 1 Nov 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P (later, F)–51/F–6, 1947–1948
RF–51, 1947–1949

RF-80, 1952-1956
RB-26, 1952-1957
RB-57, 1954-1957
RF-84, 1955-1958
T/WT-33, 1955-1957
RB-66, 1956-1965
WB-66, 1957-1960
B-66, 1960-1965
RF-4, 1965-1987
F-5, 1976-1988
A-10, 1988-1992

COMMANDERS

Col Louis M. Merrick, 3 Dec 1947-1 Apr 1949
Col Dixon M. Allison, 10 Jul 1952
Col Brian O'Neill, 1 Oct 1952
Col Franklin S. Allen, Jr., 30 Jun 1955
Col Kenneth R. Powell, 22 Jul 1955
Col James D. Kemp, 3 Jul 1959
Col Victor N. Cabas, 21 Jun 1962
Col Arthur Small, 8 Jul 1963
Col DeWitt S. Spain, 25 Mar 1964
Col James A. Shannon, 22 Jun 1966
Col Theodore S. Coberly, 15 May 1967
BG Winston P. Anderson, 17 Jul 1968
Col Ralph F. Findlay, 29 Jun 1970
Col Lovic P. Hodnette, Jr., 9 Jul 1971
Col Daniel J. Nelson, 5 Jun 1972
Col LaVerne H. Griffin, 6 Mar 1973
Col Paul H. Hodges, 22 Feb 1974
Col Buford D. Lary, 17 Mar 1977
Col Ellis C. Vander Pyl, Jr., 26 Mar 1979
Col Jerome E. Hughes, 27 Jul 1981
Col James M. Rhodes, Jr., 11 Jun 1982
Col Lawrence W. Foley, 9 Jan 1984
Col William A. Studer, 24 May 1985
Col Otto K. Hadebank, 24 Mar 1986
BG Michael D. McGinty, 4 Mar 1988
Col James C. Evans, 19 Apr 1990
Col Peter W. Tkacs, 15 May 1992
Col William J. Corbett III, 27 Jun-1 Nov 1994
Col David P. Csintyan, 1 Nov 1994
Col Richard H. Downing, 13 Nov 1996
Col John H. Bonapart Jr., 9 Apr 1999
Col Bradford E. Ward, 11 May 2001

Col John G. Miller, 24 Oct 2002
Col Susanne Leclere, 15 Jan 2004
Col James McMillian 17 May 2006
Col Thomas L. Gibson, Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
31 Dec 1959–1 Jan 1962
15 Jul 1968– 15 Jul 1969
1 Jun 1972–1 Jun 1973
15 Nov 1977–14 Nov 1979
1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991
1 Jun 1992–31 May 1994
1 Nov 1994–31 Oct 1995
1 Nov 1995–31 Oct 1996
1 Nov 1996–31 Oct 1998
1 Nov 1998–31 Oct 2000

Bestowed Honor

Authorized to display honors earned by the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Group prior to 3 Dec 1947

Service Streamers

WWII American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France, 6–20 May 1944

EMBLEM

Azure, in sinister base, a globe axis bendwise Argent gridlined of the field, in dexter a compass rose of the second garnished Or all below a chief a demifigure of the mythical Greek god Argus face to base dexter arm extended of the last; all within a diminished bordure of the like. (Approved, 1995; replaced emblem approved, 23 Jul 1954)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 10th Air Base Wing is the host wing for the Air Force Academy and provides quality support to enhance the education and development of more than 4,000 future Air Force leaders. The 10th ABW is also responsible for medical, engineering, logistics, communications, personnel, services, security and other key support for more than 25,000 military and civilian personnel. The wing preserves and improves a \$3.5-billion base infrastructure and operates a regional medical infrastructure serving four U.S. Air Force installations.

The 10th Air Base Wing comprises two groups and seven staff agencies. The 10th Medical Group and the 10th Mission Support Group are each comprised of eleven squadrons. The 10th Medical Group squadrons are the 10th Medical Operations Squadron, 10th Medical Support Squadron, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and 10th Dental Squadron. The 10th Support Group squadrons are the 10th Communications Squadron, 10th Mission Support Squadron, 10th Services Division, 10th Security Forces Squadron, 10th Civil Engineering Squadron, 10th Contracting Division (LGC), and the 10th Logistics Readiness Division (LGR). The staff agencies include the Chaplain (HC), USAFA Command Center (CP), Financial Management (FM), Exercise and Evaluations (CVI), Military Equal Opportunity (MEO), Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and the Career Assistance Advisor (CAA).

Performed tactical reconnaissance, 1947–1949.

Replaced 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Toul-Rosieres AB, France, in Jul 1952. Provided weather reconnaissance, 1952–1960, and tactical reconnaissance (day and night, multi-sensor), 1952–1988.

On July 10, 1952, the 10th TRW was re-activated in Germany, with many of its assigned units in France. The wing moved to Toul-Rosieres Air Base, France, in November, but construction delays forced the wing's headquarters to return to Spangdahlem AB, Germany, in May 1953.

Replaced 7560th Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury, England, in Aug 1959, and became responsible for operation and maintenance of that installation.

Operated from RAF Wethersfield, England, 3 Jul–31 Oct 1972.

Took part in frequent tactical exercises of USAFE and NATO. Dropped two of three reconnaissance squadrons in 1976 and gained the 527th Tactical Fighter Training Aggressor Squadron. This unit, equipped with F-5Es in May 1976, provided dissimilar air combat training for USAFE fighter and reconnaissance wings, 1976–1988.

Wing assumed a fighter mission, conducting fighter operations training in support of US and NATO war plans, 1988–1992.

Deployed the 511th TFS and other wing personnel to Saudi Arabia in late 1990 in support of operations in Southwest Asia and subsequent humanitarian relief extended to Kurdish settlements in Iraq through May 1991.

In 1992, mission changed to support of USAFE special operations units.

The Air Base Wing was formed in 1994, to align the USAF Academy with the Objective Wing structure the Air Force Chief of Staff had directed.



Air Force Order of Battle

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