

23rd AIR DIVISION



LINEAGE

Established as 23 Air Division, 18 Nov 1969

Activated, 19 Nov 1969

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1987

STATIONS

Duluth International Airport, MN, 19 Nov 1969

Tyndall AFB, FL, 15 Apr 1982-1 Jul 1987

ASSIGNMENTS

Aerospace Defense Command, 19 Nov 1969

Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1979

First Air Force, 6 Dec 1985-1 Jul 1987

COMMANDERS

BG Clayton M. Isaacson, 19 Nov 1969

BG Guy Hurst Jr., 1 Aug 1970

BG Louis G. Leiser, 13 Mar 1972

Col James J. Kleckner, 26 Jul 1974 (interim)

BG George C. Cannon Jr., 19 Aug 1974

BG Mervin M. Taylor, 12 Jul 1976

Col Kenneth W. Ohlinger, 27 Sep 1976 (temporary)

BG Edward L. Ellis, 7 Mar 1977

Col Rondall H. Stull, 22 Jan 1979

BG Charles E. Bishop, 28 Jan 1980

Col John F. Manning, 23 Nov 1981

None (not manned), 15 Apr 1982-Feb 1983

BG Paul D. Wagoner, 1 Mar 1983

BG Charles A. Horner, 23 May 1983

BG Donald R. Delauter, 11 Oct 1983

BG James M. Rhodes Jr., 11 Apr 1986-1 Jul 1987

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Azure, issuing from sinister base a demi sphere bendwise vert gridlined and rimmed or edged with a styled cloud formation argent, surmounted by a lightning flash originating in base and extending to chief in bend of the last voided gules and charged in base with an oval of the first bearing a mullet argent, all within a diminished bordure of the like. (Approved 28 Jul 1970)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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OPEATIONS

The 23d assumed responsibility for the air defense of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Kentucky on 19 Nov 1969. By 1973, this area expanded to include parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The division and its subordinate units participated in numerous exercises such as Amalgam Fairplay, Feathered Indian, and Feathered Brave. In addition, its subordinate units exercised with surface to air missiles.



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