

37 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

The division administered, trained, and supported all assigned and attached units, ensuring that these forces were in a maximum state of readiness. In meeting its commitments the 37 participated in numerous live and simulated exercises. Initially, its defense area included parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana from 1951-1959. In Apr 1966, the 37 activated at Goose AB, Labrador, and assumed responsibility for the air defense of northeastern Canada until Jun 1970.

LINEAGE

37 Air Division established and organized, 10 Oct 1951
Discontinued, 28 May 1952
Redesignated 37 Air Division (Defense), 3 May 1955
Activated, 8 Sep 1955
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1959
Redesignated 37 Air Division and activated, 20 Jan 1966
Organized, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1970

STATIONS

Lockbourne AFB, OH, 10 Oct 1951-28 May 1952
Truax Field, WI, 8 Sep 1955-1 Apr 1959
Goose AB, Canada, 1 Apr 1966-30 Jun 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 10 Oct 1951-28 May 1952
Eastern Air Defense Force, 8 Sep 1955-1 Apr 1959

Air Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966
First Air Force, 1 Apr 1966
Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Dec 1969-30 Jun 1970

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 10 Oct 1951-16 Mar 1952
Col Charles B. Dougher, 17 Mar-28 May 1952
Brig Gen William H. Wise, 8 Sep 1955-1 Apr 1959
None (not manned), 20 Jan-1 Apr 1966
Brig Gen Archie M. Burke, 1 Apr 1966
Col John H. Pease, 12 Jan 1967
Col James A. Darby, 18 Aug 1968-30 Jun 1970

HONORS

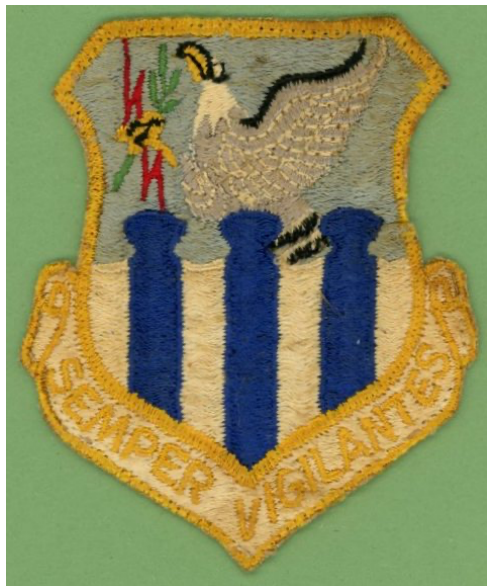
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



37 Air Division emblem: A shield per fess nebuly, blue sky proper and paly of seven azure, and argent; issuing from nebuly fess division, a demi American bald eagle proper (head white, body shades of dark gray and black, talons and beak Air Force yellow); holding upward in his right talon

an olive branch vert (emerald green, and bottle green) and a lightning bolt gules. (Approved, 6 Sep 1953)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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