

## 9<sup>th</sup> SPACE DIVISION



### LINEAGE

Established as 9<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Tactical), 7 Apr 1949  
Activated, 1 May 1949  
Inactivated, 1 Aug 1950  
Redesignated 9<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense), 21 Jun 1954  
Activated, 8 Oct 1954  
Inactivated, 15 Aug 1958  
Redesignated 9<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Defense Division and activated, 14 Jul 1961  
Organized, 15 Jul 1961  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1968  
Redesignated 9<sup>th</sup> Space Division, 11 Sep 1990  
Activated, 1 Oct 1990  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

### STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950  
Geiger Field, WA, 8 Oct 1954-15 Aug 1958  
Ent AFB, CO, 15 Jul 1961-1 Jul 1968  
Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force, 1 May 1949-1 Aug 1950  
Western Air Defense Force, 8 Oct 1954-15 Aug 1958  
Air (later, Aerospace) Defense Command, 14 Jul 1961-1 Jul 1968  
Air Force Space Command, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

### COMMANDERS

Maj William I. Williams, 1 May 1949  
LTC Delbert H. Hahn, Jul 1949-unkn  
Col Harrison R. Thyng, 8 Oct 1954  
BG Sam W. Agee, 10 Jan 1955  
Col Leon W. Gray, 8 Aug 1957  
BG Ernest H. Beverly, 1 Sep 1957-15 Aug 1958  
Col Robert W. Waltz, 19 Jul 1961  
Col David B. Tudor, (acting) 31 Aug 1964  
MG Horace A. Hanes, 30 Nov 1964  
MG Oris B. Johnson, 2 Jul 1966-unkn

BG Jimmey R. Morrell, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1991

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1966-31 Dec 1967

## **EMBLEM**

Azure, a globe celeste gridlined of the first, surmounted at top by the aft end of two flight symbols ascending bendwise and bendwise sinister each emitting a contrail in saltire and arcing in orbit around the globe argent charged at the saltire juncture by a polestar or, all surrounded by nine mullets five arcing from base to dexter chief and four arcing from base to sinister chief white; all within a diminished bordure yellow. (Approved, 4 September 1990)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

From Oct 1954-Aug 1958, this division conducted air defense of the area in the Western Air Defense Force Region (the northwestern tip of Montana, all of Idaho, most of the eastern half of Washington) and supported the operations of the Strategic Air Command and the Military Air Transport Service. It participated in the United States Air Force collateral mission of antisubmarine warfare and administered, equipped, and trained for combat. Assigned to the Aerospace Defense Command, the 9th Aerospace Division assumed responsibility for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, the Missile Defense Alarm System, the Space Detection and Tracking System, the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Combat operations Center, the Bomb Alarm System, and the Nuclear Detonation System from 1961-1968. The 9th Space Division provided the Air Force Space Command (AFSPACECOM) with an action mechanism to "operationalize" the space launch capabilities of Eastern Space and Missile Center and Western Space and Missile Center units transferred to AFSPACECOM during 1990-1991.



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