

# 810 STRATEGIC AEROSPACE DIVISION



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

810 Air Division established, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated 810 Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Nov 1962

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1971

### STATIONS

Biggs AFB, TX, 16 Jun 1952

Minot AFB, ND, 1 Jul 1962-30 Jun 1971

### ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1952

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Apr 1955

Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1963

Fifteenth Air Force, 2 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1971

### COMMANDERS

BG John D. Ryan, 16 Jun 1952

BG John M. Reynolds, Oct 1953

Col Salvatore E. Manzo, 15 Jul 1958

BG John B. McPherson, 11 Jul 1962

Col James H. Thompson, 15 Jun 1964

BG Henry L. Hogan III, 6 Oct 1965

BG Ralph T. Holland, 29 Jul 1968

BG Roy N. Casbeer, 4 Aug 1969

BG Alan C. Edmunds, 3 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1971

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

None

**Campaign Streamers**

None

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

**Decorations**

None

**EMBLEM**

On a shield azure a star in perspective argent, voided of the field; in chief, a winged spearhead, fesswise, or, detail of the field; a double band of firepower streaming from the spearhead through the star to sinister base proper (shades of red, orange, and light yellow). (Approved, 20 Apr 1956)

**MOTTO****NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Beginning in 1952, the 810 Airlift Division assured the manning, training, and equipping of assigned units to conduct long range bombardment missions using either nuclear or conventional weapons. It developed and maintained the capability for air refueling operations using various aircraft types and trained for strategic aerospace warfare using intercontinental ballistic missiles. Between 1966 and 1973, subordinate organizations loaned KC-135 and B-52 aircraft and crews, at various times, to Strategic Air command organizations flying Arc Light combat missions in Southeast Asia. In the spring of 1968, some aircraft and crews deployed to Okinawa in response to the Pueblo incident, when the Pueblo, a U.S. Navy vessel, was seized on the high seas by the North Koreans. The 810<sup>th</sup> also participated in tactical exercises such as Club Car, Snow Bank, and Bar None.

The 810th Strategic Aerospace Division was first activated at Biggs AFB, Texas, on 16 June 1952, as the 810th Air Division. It was formed as a part of: Strategic Air Command's Eighth Air Force, and first commanded by Colonel' John D. Ryan. At the time of its activation it had assigned to it the 95th Bombs. Wing, the 97th Bomb Wing, and the 810th Air Base Group.

On 1 April 1955, while still assigned to Biggs AFB, the division was transferred from SAC's Eighth Air Force to the Fifteenth Air Force.

In February 1962, Headquarters SAC confirmed that the division was scheduled to move to Minot AFB, North Dakota. The move was effected on 1 July 1962, at which time the division relinquished command of its units at Biggs, and assumed command of SAC units at Minot AFB, Glasgow AFB, Montana, and Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. In November 1962 the division was redesignated as the 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, in keeping with' the concept of operations employed by units under its command.

On 1 July 1963 the Division and its units at Minot and Grand Forks were transferred from the Fifteenth Air Force to the Second Air Force, and the Division relinquished command over the Glasgow unit. Since that time the Division has had assigned to it all SAC units located at Minot AFB and at Grand"; Forks AFB.

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