

10 AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

10 Air Division (Defense) established, 24 Oct 1950

Organized, 1 Nov 1950

Discontinued, 27 Apr 1951

Activated, 27 Apr 1951

Inactivated, 20 Jul 1951

Activated, 1 Nov 1952

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Aug 1960

STATIONS

Elmendorf AFB, Territory of Alaska, 1 Nov 1950-27 Apr 1951

Elmendorf AFB, Territory of Alaska, 27 Apr-20 Jun 1951

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Nov 1952-25 Aug 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

Alaskan Air Command, 1 Nov 1950-27 Apr 1951

Alaskan Air Command, 27 Apr-20 Jul 1951

Alaskan Air Command, 1 Nov 1952-25 Aug 1960

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 1 Nov-9 Dec 1950

Unkn, 10 Dec 1950-27 Apr 1951

Unkn, 27 Apr-20 Jul 1951

Col Allen R. Springer, 1 Nov 1952
Col DeWitt S. Spain, Jul 1954
Brig Gen Dolf E. Muehleisen, Aug 1954
Col Donald W. Graham, Jul 1955
Col James R. Gunn Jr., Aug 1955
Col Louis E. Coira, 1 Jun 1957
Col John T. Shields, 22 Oct 1957
Col Jack A. Gibbs, 14 Jul 1959-31 Jul 1960
Unkn, 1-15 Aug 1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



Per saltire, sable, gules, vert and or, saltire argent between in chief a jet aircraft in flight above two mountain peaks all of the last, in the flanks an anti-aircraft gun and a radar antenna directed outward all of the first fimbriated silver, in base five electric flashes issuing from the apex of radio tower all black. (Approved, 17 Dec 1953)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 10th Air Division assumed responsibility for the air defense of Alaska south of the Alaskan Range on 1 November 1950. Subordinate units flew numerous interception and training missions. Between June 1957 and March 1960, the division operated and maintained Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, plus several smaller installations. It was replaced by the 5070th Air Defense Wing (for air defense), and the 5040th Air Base Wing (for base operations) in August 1960.

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Sources

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