

TENTH AIR FORCE



MISSION

LINEAGE

10 Air Force established, 4 Feb 1942
Activated, 12 Feb 1942
Redesignated Tenth Air Force, 18 Sep 1942
Inactivated, 6 Jan 1946
Activated, 24 May 1946
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Sep 1960
Activated, 20 Jan 1966
Organized, 1 Apr 1966
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969
Redesignated Tenth Air Force (Reserve), 24 Sep 1976
Activated, 8 Oct 1976
Redesignated Tenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1985

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 12 Feb-8 Mar 1942
New Delhi, India, 16 May 1942
Myitkyina, Burma, 2 Nov 1944
Piardoba, India, 15 May 1945
Kunming, China, 1 Aug 1945
Liuchow, China, 9 Aug-15 Dec 1945
Ft Lawton, WA, 5-6 Jan 1946
Brooks Field, TX, 24 May 1946
Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Jul 1948
Ft Benjamin Harrison, IN, 25 Sep 1948
Selfridge AFB, MI, 16 Jan 1950

Richards Gebaur AFB, MO, 1966-1970
Selfridge AFB, MI, 16 Jan 1950-1 Sep 1960
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Apr 1966-31 Dec 1969
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 8 Oct 1976
Carswell ARS, TX, 30 Jun 1996

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Combat Command
U.S. Army Forces in China-Burma-India
Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, 21 Aug 1943
Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, 27 Oct 1944
Air Defense Command, 24 May 1946
Continental Air Command, 1 Dec 1948
Air (later, Aerospace) Defense Command, 20 Jan 1966
Air Force Reserve (later, Air Force Reserve Command), 8 Oct 1976

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 12-16 Feb 1942
Col Harry A. Halverson, 17 Feb 1942
MG Lewis H. Brereton, 5 Mar 1942
BG Earl L. Naiden, 26 Jun 1942
MG Clayton L. Bissell, 18 Aug 1942
MG Howard C. Davidson, 19 Aug 1943
MG Albert F. Hegenberger, 1 Aug 1945-unkn
Col Edward N. Backus, 6 Jun 1946
MG Howard M. Turner, 18 Jun 1946
BG Harry A. Johnson, 6 Jan 1948
MG Paul L. Williams, 1 Jul 1948
MG Harry A. Johnson, 30 Apr 1950
MG Grandison Gardner, 20 Jan 1951
MG Harry A. Johnson, 1 Apr 1951
MG Richard A. Grussendorf, 2 Jul 1953
MG Robert E. L. Eaton, 15 Sep 1955
Col Downs E. Ingram, 19 Aug 1959
MG Harold R. Maddux, 24 Aug 1959-1 Sep 1960
MG Thomas K. McGehee, 1 Apr 1966
MG William D. Greenfield, 27 Sep 1967-31 Dec 1969
MG Roy M. Marshall, 8 Oct 1976
MG John E. Taylor Jr, 15 May 1978
MG James C. Wahleithner, 1 May 1984
MG Roger P. Scheer, 4 May 1985
BG William B. McDaniel, 1 Nov 1986
BG John J. Closner III, 6 Jul 1987
BG Robert A. McIntosh, 5 Jul 1989

MG David R. Smith, 1 Dec 1990
MG John A. Bradley, Feb 1998
MG David E. Tanzi, 4 Mar 2002
MG Allan R. Poulin, 20 Jan 2005
MG Richard C. Collins, 24 Dec 2005
BG Thomas R. Coon, 3 Jun 2007
MG Frank J. Padilla, #2010
MG William Binger
MG Richard Scobee, Jr

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Burma, 1942
India-Burma
China Defensive
Central Burma
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995
1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1996
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006

EMBLEM



On an ultramarine blue disc, a white shield in base, winged golden orange, the shield bearing the Arabic numeral "10" ultramarine blue, all below a white five pointed star charged with a red disc,

encircled by a white annulet. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The colors are those of the Army Air Forces. The number ten indicates the numerical designation of the organization, while the winged shield and the white star with a red center indicate that the organization is a part of the Army Air Forces. (Approved, 25 Jan 1944; revised, 13 Jan 1977)

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OPERATIONS

Activated for air operations in the China-India-Burma (CBI) theater; commanded tactical units from Mar 1942-Dec 1943, then served as a strategic bombardment headquarters in the CBI; later, resumed command over tactical fighter units in June 1944 until August 1945, when it conducted primarily air transport and troop carrier missions through the end of its operations in December 1945. Following WWII, initially conducted air defense operations and training beginning in the late 1940s, then later concentrated on air reserve training throughout the 1950s. Responsible for air defense and early warning forces based in the northern central and later southern central U.S. from 1966-1969. From 1976, exercised intermediate command over reserve component flying training, fighter, bomber, air refueling, rescue, space and special operations forces.

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Sources

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