



MAJOR U.S. AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE VIETNAM WAR



- 1. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), 1965-1976, Hawaii
- 2. Seventh Air Force, 1966-1975, Tan Son Nhut Air Field, RVN and Nakhon Phanom AFB, Thailand
- 3. Thirteenth Air Force, 1964-1975, Clark Air Base, Philippines
- 4. Eighth Air Force, 1970-1975, Andersen AFB, Guam
- 5. 2d Air Division, 1962-1966, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 6. 884th Air Division, 1966-1971, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 7. 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 1965-1970, Bien Hoa AB, RVN
- 8. 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1965-1971, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand
- 9. 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1965-1971, Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN and Phu Cat AB, RVN
- 10. 11th Air Commando (Later 14th Special Operations) Wing, 1966-1971, Nha Trang AB, RVN and Phan Rang AB, RVN

- 11. 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1966-1970, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN
- 12. 31st Training Wing, 1963-1965, Bien Hoa AB, RVN
- 13. 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1966-1971, Da Nang AB, RVN and Phan Rang AB, RVN
- 14. 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1967-1970, Phu Cat AB, RVN
- 15. 4th Strategic Wing, 1970-Present, Andersen AFB, Guam
- 16. 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing, 1967-1975, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand
- 17. 507th Strategic Wing, 1970-1975, U-Tapao AB, Thailand
- 18. 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1966-1972, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN and Phan Rang AB, RVN
- 19. 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1965-1972, Takli RTAFB, Thailand
- 20. 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1966-1972, Phan Rang AB, RVN, Da Nang AB, RVN, Takli RTAFB, Thailand

- 21. 37th Troop Carrier (later, 37th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1966-1973, Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan
- 22. 376th Strategic Wing, 1970-1991, Kadena AB, Japan
- 23. 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1966-1975, Korat RTAFB, Thailand
- 24. 405th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1959-1974, Clark AB, Philippines
- 25. 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1966-1975, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand
- 26. 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1966-1971, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 27. 464th Troop Carrier (later, Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1965-1971, Mactan Ido Airfield, Philippines and Clark AB, Philippines

- 28. 484d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1966-1972, Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN
- 29. 553d Reconnaissance Wing, 1967-1970, Korat RTAFB, Thailand
- 30. 633d Special Operations Wing, 1968-1970, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand
- 31. 396th Strategic Wing, 1955-1970, Andersen AFB, Guam
- 32. 433d Bombardment Wing, 1966-1970, Andersen AFB, Guam
- 33. 4251st Strategic Wing, 1965-1970, Kadena AB, Okinawa
- 34. 4250th Strategic Wing, 1966-1970, U-Tapao AB, Thailand
- 35. 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing (13th Air Force), 1965-1966, Korat RTAFB, Thailand
- 36. 6251st Tactical Fighter Wing (7th Air Force), 1965-1966, Bien Hoa AB, RVN
- 37. 6252d Tactical Fighter Wing, 1965-1966, Da Nang AB, RVN
- 38. 3d Aero Rescue & Recovery Group (redesignated 363d Rescue Group), 1966-1973, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN

- 39. 315th Troop Carrier Group (replaced by 315th Tactical Airlift Wing), 1962-1966, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN and Phan Rang AB, RVN
- 40. 50th Tactical Air Support Group (Redesignated Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group), 1966-1972, Bien Hoa, Cam Ranh Bay AB, and Phan Rang AB, RVN
- 41. 505th Tactical Control Group, 1965-1973, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 42. 552d Airborne Early Warning Task Force, 1965-1971, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 43. 196th Communications Group, 1962-1973, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
- 44. 197th Communications Group, 1965-1976, Korat RTAFB, Thailand and Udorn RTAFB, Thailand



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* SAC subordinate units frequently deployed bomber and tanker resources (these deployments were temporary provisional units that ceased to exist upon inactivation). Provisional units are not authorized emblems, not even the emblems of their permanent counterparts. Therefore, none have been included on this poster.

** 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing and 6251st Tactical Fighter Wing have no official emblems on file at the AFHRA.

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The poster above, produced by United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, depicts the service patches of the major USAF organizations that participated in Vietnam war.

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