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1. In accordance with AFR 900-7, 24 July 1950, the following emblem is approved for the 21st Air Division:

DIVISION EMBLEM: Shield divided by a diagonal line from the upper right to middle left, light blue and white, a sword slanting from upper left to lower right, the point to lower right base, the hilt and pommel yellow encircled with five stars, yellow, the lower blade of the sword over a branch of olive in base green.

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Per bend enhanced, azure and argent, in base a branch of olive proper, over all a sword bend sinisterwise proper, hilt and pommel or, point to dexter base, in chief five stars or, encircling the hilt and pommel of the sword, three and two.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The blue and white are symbolic of the Air mission of the 21st Air Division. The stars around the hilt and pommel and the light blue, upper portion of the shield, symbolize the instruction and guidance in the training mission of the Division. The sword is emblematic of power, authority and justice. (The sword is more frequently depicted in its proper colors as blade steel color with hilt and pommel gold.) The olive branch is symbolic of peace, and here denotes the supporting role of the Division in relation to the Strategic Air Command, that of constant readiness to contribute in air combat against any enemy and to guarantee peace through possession of this potent force. The olive branch and stars of the proposed design have been accentuated to give the design strength and character.

2. The Headquarters 21st Air Division was constituted 16 December 1942, activated 22 December 1943 at Salina, Kansas. Its former designations were:

Hq & Hq Sq, 21st Air Division, Bombardment  
Hq & Hq Sq, 21st Bomb Wing, VI  
Hq, I Strategic Command  
Hq, 21st Bombardment Wing