

## 18 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

The 18 Mission Support Group (MSG) provides combat support for Pacific Air Force's largest installation with 18 Wing and tenant units, \$6 billion in assets and more than 12,500 acres. The 18 MSG is the largest in the Air Force with a direct budget of \$10 million, service revenues of \$60 million. The Group offers security, services, contracting, communications, logistics readiness and force management for 25,000 joint residents.

The Group is a liaison to nine associate units and operates Okuma Recreation Facility in northern Okinawa and Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii.

The Group's Commander also acts as the "Mayor" of Kadena Air Base, serving as the 18 Wing Commander's primary representative to the surrounding communities of Kadena Town, Okinawa City and Chatan Town.

The Group is composed of five squadrons; 18 Communications Squadron, 18 Contracting Squadron, 18 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 18 Force Support Squadron, and the 18 Security Forces Squadron.

### LINEAGE

18 Air Base Group established, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 14 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957

Redesignated 18 Combat Support Group, 30 Apr 1974

Activated, 30 Sep 1974

Redesignated 18 Combat Support Wing, 15 Jan 1985

Redesignated 18 Support Group, 1 Oct 1991  
Redesignated 18 Mission Support Group, 19 Aug 2002

### **STATIONS**

Clark AFB, PI, 14 Aug 1948  
Pusan AB, Korea, 1 Dec 1950  
East Pyongyang, Korea, 1 Dec 1950  
Suwon AB, Korea, 5 Dec 1950  
Chinhae, Korea, 15 Dec 1950  
Osan-ni, Korea, 27 Dec 1952  
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 30 Oct 1954-1 Oct 1957  
Kadena AB, Japan, 30 Sep 1974

### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Yonton Aux AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov-11 Dec 1954  
Formosa, 1-15 Feb 1955

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

18 Fighter (later, 18 Fighter-Bomber) Wing, 14 Aug 1948-1 Oct 1957  
18 Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1974  
313 Air Division, 11 Feb 1981  
18 Wing, 1 Oct 1991

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Thirteenth Air Force, 16 May-1 Jul 1949  
24th Air Depot Wing, 1 Jul-16 Dec 1949  
6332 Air Base Wing, 1-9 Nov 1954  
313 Air Division, 1 Feb-1 Oct 1957

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Korea  
CCF Intervention  
First UN Counteroffensive  
CCF Spring Offensive  
UN Summer-Fall Offensive  
Second Korean Winter  
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952  
Third Korean Winter  
Korea Summer-Fall, 1953

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1978-30 Sep 1979

1 Oct 1979-31 May 1981

1 Jun 1981-31 May 1983

1 Jun 1983-31 May 1984

1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986

1 Jun 1987-31 May 1989

1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007

31 Oct 2009-[1 Nov] 2010

2 Nov 2010-1 Nov 2012

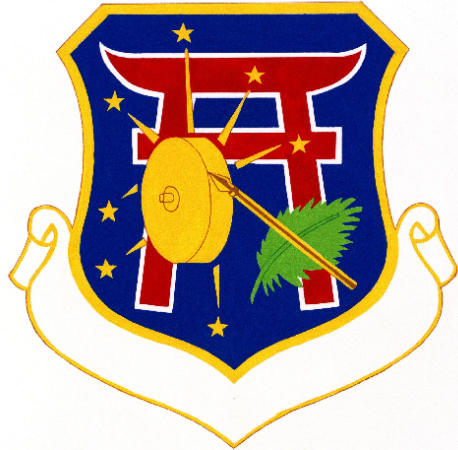
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

1 Dec 1950-31 Jan 1951

1 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

### **EMBLEM**





18 Combat Support Wing emblem

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Hewing closely to the "housekeeping" role the Air Base Group proudly points out that is many support functions have directly affected the morale and health of the entire 18 Wing. Relegated to near-drudgery tasks and lacking front-page glamor we are proud to have been a part of one of the greatest air units involved in the Korean conflict.

We started out as the "six-double-oh-deuce" with Major Bob Bonebrake and First Sergeant Charley Graves calling the plays. That was back in the famous "advance to the rear" days. Since then we've come a long way to our present stateside operation. The dining halls, the barracks, our combination gym-theatre, the service club, and all the other elements that provoke the perennial term "fat", are mute testimony to the sweat and labor of our squadrons.

The ABG's roster is filled with such memory-jogging names as Powers, Pawlowski, Lavandoski, Wise, De Coursey, Wilson, and many other officers whose efforts have become history in the 18.

Be it the Air Police or the Base Photo lab, we've been in there pitching from the very beginning. We're still rasslin' tempermental stoves, rotation, mail from home, and duty rosters, but in the main Dogpatch has taken on a streamlined "how-good-can-it-get" appearance. We can even boast a campus of our own with instructors from the University of California.

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