

6146 AIR FORCE ADVISORY GROUP (ROKAF)



MISSION

The organization's primary mission was to train pilots and ground crews for the Republic of Korea's Air Force (ROKAF), but it also flew armed reconnaissance close air support missions.

LINEAGE

6146 Air Base Unit organized, Jul 1950

Redesignated 6146 Air Advisory Group (ROKAF), Aug 1952

Redesignated 6146 Air Force Advisory Group (ROKAF), Jul 1953

STATIONS

Sachon AB, South Korea, 27 Jul 1950

Seoul, South Korea, 26 Sep 1950

Pyongyang East, North Korea, 28 Oct 1950

Taejon, South Korea, 6 Dec 1950

Seoul, South Korea, 22 Mar 1951

Sachon AB, South Korea, 18 Jun 1951

Taegu, South Korea, 15 Jan 1953

Seoul City Air Base, South Korea, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Dean E. Hess, 27 Jul 1950

Maj Harold H. Wilson, May 1951

Col Walter W. Berg, Jul 1952

Lt Col Harold T. Babb, May 1953

Col Van H. Slayden

Col Wayne Thurman, Jan-Jul 1965

Col Enoch E. Broyles, Jul-Dec 1965

Col John D.W. Haesler 1967
Col Gerald H. Robson, Jr. 1970

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations
27 Jul 1950 -31 Jan 1951
1 Feb-31 Oct 1951
1 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953
16 Mar 1951-30 Sep 1952
10 Oct 1952-27 Jul 1953

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OPERATIONS

The group maintained its own aircraft and kept operational the airstrip at which it was based, which was often nearer the front lines than any other USAF unit. For part of 1951, a unit detachment trained Korean personnel on the island of Cheju (Cheju-do). At Sachon it trained ROKAF personnel in the operation and maintenance of L-4, L-5, L16, T-6, and F-51.

When the group moved to Taegu in early 1953, it left a detachment at Sachon to continue that training. Once trained at Sachon, the Korean pilots deployed to Kangning near the 38th parallel, where another of the group's detachments had been based since the end of 1951. That detachment earned a Distinguished Unit Citation for the period December 1952 through April 1953 for flying hundreds of close support and interdiction strikes with a wing of the Republic of Korea Air Force. Under the guidance of 6146th Air Force Advisory Group pilots, Koreans flew F-51s from Kangnung to bomb, rocket, and strafe enemy troop concentrations, vehicles, supply dumps, and fuel storage sites.

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