

## 7217 AIR DIVISION (COMMAND)



### **MISSION**

The division provided logistical support for all American armed forces, and military activities in Turkey, Greece, and Crete. Its area of responsibility extended from the Black Sea to Ethiopia and from Greece to Pakistan. The division provided facilities and training for rotational tactical fighter squadrons, maintenance for aircraft assigned to Military Aid and Assistance Groups (MAAGs) in the Middle East, and logistical support for occasional unscheduled aerial operations.

### **LINEAGE**

7217 Air Division (Command) established and organized, 7 Aug 1959

Inactivated, 9 Sep 1970

### **STATIONS**

Ankara AS, Turkey, 7 Aug 1959-9 Sep 1970

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Seventeenth Air Force, 7 Aug 1959

United States Air Forces in Europe, 15 Nov 1959-9 Sep 1970

### **COMMANDERS**

Brig Gen Henry C. Newcomer, 7 Aug 1959

Brig Gen Baskin R. Lawrence Jr., 28 Jul 1961

Brig Gen Frederic C. Gray, 5 Aug 1963

Brig Gen Sam J. Byerly, 11 Oct 1965  
Maj Gen George V. Williams, 12 Jul 1967  
Maj Gen Dudley E. Faver, 17 Jul 1969-9 Sep 1970

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

The emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow, and red, white and light blue. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the unit and its mission and indicates that TUSLOG (winged amphora of USAFE) brings the essential requirement (wheat) to assigned personnel, giving the strength (lightning) for military defense and to maintain peace in this part of the world. (Approved, 6 Oct 1960)

## **MOTTO**

SUSTINEO VIRES--Sustain The Strength

## **OPERATIONS**

On 7 August 1959 USAFE designated TUSLOG as the 7217th Air Division (Command). The Air Division assumed operational control of TAC rotational fighter squadrons based at Incirlik, Turkey; commanded the 7206th Support Group and provided support functions in Turkey.

As part of a continuing USAFE goal to streamline the command structure and minimize manpower requirements, headquarters planners determined the 7217th Air Division (Headquarters, The United States Logistics Group or TUSLOG) to be a nonessential layer of command. Effective 9 September 1970, USAFE inactivated the division and reassigned all subordinate units to Sixteenth Air Force. A small office remained in Ankara to perform required liaison with the American embassy, the Joint US Military Mission for Aid to Turkey, and the Government of Turkey. In the interests of retaining the unit guise in Turkey, the command designated this liaison element (Detachment 1, Sixteenth Air Force) as Headquarters TUSLOG and activated it on 10 September. The inactivation of the air division and reduction in associated support resulted in a USAFE manpower savings of approximately 285 spaces.

---

USAF Unit Histories  
Created: 16 Sep 2022  
Updated:

### Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.