

75th AIR DEPOT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

75th Air Depot Wing constituted 2 Nov 1951

Activated, 7 Jan 1952

Inactivated, 18 Dec 1955

STATIONS

Kelly AFB, TX, 7 Jan 1952-5 Dec 1952

Chinhae, South Korea, 2 Jan 1953

Pusan, Korea on October 15, 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col William C. Sams

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a shield Or, a stylized aircraft Azure, throughout, in pale, thereon a sword Argent flamant Gules, fimbriated Or, issuing from the dexter and sinister chief, two gears of the second, all within a diminutive of the bordure Gules. Approved on July 31, 1952.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 75th's primary mission at Kelly AFB was for training. The training plan was set up in four phases: collateral, formal, formal applied and on-the-job training. It was the responsibility of the 2940th Depot Training Wing to train the 75th personnel. Numerous personnel were sent to other bases to receive specialized training that would bring their proficiency up to the level that was desired by the Air Force. Upon completion of various phases of training, personnel were assigned to appropriate units and prepared for departure to a foreign assignment.

It took 25 days with one stop in Japan for the U.S.N.S. GENERAL W. H.GORDON to move the 75th Air Depot Wing's personnel from Texas to Pusan, Korea.

The 75th Air Depot Wing arrived in South Korea from Texas on January 2, 1953, replacing the 6405th Air Support Wing. It operated a major depot at Chinhae until the end of the conflict. Assigned to the Far East Air Logistic Force, the wing received, stored, and transported equipment and supplies such as ammunition, fuel, breathing oxygen, and aircraft parts for combat wings in South Korea. It recovered, reclaimed, and repaired crashed or disabled aircraft in Korea. The wing also maintained and repaired combat aircraft, particularly B-26s, at Iwakuni AB in Japan, working with the 6418th Air Depot Wing stationed there. Among the 75th's other duties were the salvage and disposal of used and surplus war materiel; controlling corrosion of aircraft fuel tanks; maintaining and defending Chinhae Airdrome (K10); sending traveling teams to maintain and repair aircraft equipment; flying clothing and shop equipment at various bases in Korea; and rehabilitating, storing, and issuing pierced-steel planking for airstrips. In the course of these duties, the wing maintained liaison with port agencies at Pusan and Inchon and with railheads in South Korea for the processing of USAF personnel and materiel, including Air Force special-purpose vehicles.

The 75th moved to K-9 Air Base near Pusan in October 1954 leaving K-10 to the ROK military. The mission of the Wing remained the same. In December 1955, the 75th was inactivated and all personnel were assigned to other commands.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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