



Lineage and Honors History
of the
15 Operations Group (PACAF)

Lineage. Established as 15 Operations Group on 1 Apr 1992. Activated on 13 Apr 1992.

Assignments. 15 Air Base (later, 15 Airlift; then 15) Wing, 13 Apr 1992 –.

Operational Components. *Squadrons:* **19** Fighter: 1 Oct 2010-; **25** Air Support Operations: 13 Apr 1992-1 Oct 2008; **65** Airlift: 13 Apr 1992 –; **96** Air Refueling: 23 Jul 2010-3 Sep 2015; **535** Airlift: 18 Apr 2005-.

Stations. Hickam AFB (later, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam), HI, 13 Apr 1992-.

Commanders. Col Jerry C. Angley, 13 Apr 1992; Col James E. Stieber, 21 Jul 1992; Col Kenneth L. Black, 27 Apr 1994; Col Frank R. Sizemore, 11 Jul 1996; Col Robert J. Settle II, 14 Jul 1998; Col David A. Razo, 18 Apr 2000; Col Michael A. Fleck, 4 Jan 2002; Col Raymond G. Torres, 3 Jul 2002; Col Jeffrey L. Fraser, 25 Apr 2003; Col Steven L. Groenheim, 6 May 2005; Col Andrew M. Hockman, 16 Mar 2007; Col Jeffrey W. Morgan, 30 Jun 2009; Col David D. Baldessari, 8 Jul 2011; Col Michael Merritt, 21 Jun 2013; Col Charles M. Velino, 18 Jun 2015;

Col Jason S. King, 22 Jun 2017; Col Scott D. Berndt, 18 Jun 2019; Col Garrett C. Fisher, 9 Jul 2021 –.

Aircraft. C-135, 1992-2003; C-37, 2002-; C-40, 2003-2019; C-17, 2005-; KC-135, 2010-2015; F-22, 2010-.

Operations. Established in Apr 1992 as part of the objective wing reorganization, the 15 Operations Group assumed responsibility from the 15 Air Base Wing for managing operational matters at Hickam AFB and Bellows AFS, Hawaii; and Wake Island Airfield. Also provided command and control for the defense of the Hawaiian Islands and directed tactical control of Hawaii Air National Guard alert F-15 aircraft. Its 25 Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) provided combat ready tactical air control parties (TACPs) ready to advise on the employment of air assets in training and combat and to deploy worldwide with each brigade and battalion of the U.S. Army's 25 Infantry Division and other designated ground components. The 25 ASOS was reassigned to the 1st Air Support Operations Group, Wheeler Army Airfield on 1 October 2008. Beginning in 1992, the group had one airlift squadron assigned and equipped with specially configured C-135 aircraft, which provided transportation for the Commander, US Pacific Command, Commander, Pacific Air Forces, and other high ranking civilian, military, and foreign dignitaries. Added C-37 aircraft in 2002 and C-40 aircraft in 2003; retired C-135 aircraft in 2003. The C-40 operations were shifted back to Andrews AFB, Maryland in December 2019.¹ Assigned second airlift squadron in 2005. In 2010, added an air refueling squadron operating KC-135 aircraft, the squadron inactivated on 3 September 2015 ending five years of cooperative operations with 154 Wing of Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG). Also in 2010, the historic 19 Fighter Squadron was assigned to the group as an active duty associate unit flying the F-22A Raptor operating in cooperation with the 154 Wing HIANG.

¹ Control of the C-40B mission returned to Andrews AFB, MD in December 2019 thus removing control of the aircraft from the 15 WG. However, the 65 AS still provided aircrews for the C-40s that rotated through JBPHH.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 13 Apr 1992-30 Jun 1993; 1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995; 1 Oct 1995-1 Aug 1997; 2 Aug 1997-1 Aug 1999; 29 Nov 1999-30 Nov 2001; 1 Nov 2002-31 Oct 2004; 1 Nov 2004-31 Oct 2006; 1 Nov 2006-31 Oct 2007.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 31 Dec 2019.

Commanders through Jul 2021; **Aircraft, and Operations through** 9 July 2021.

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Emblem. Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

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