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

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

Assignments. 15th Air Base (later, 15th Airlift) Wing, 13 Apr 1992 - 18 May 2010; 15th Wing, 18 May 2010 - present.

Components. Squadrons:

25th Air Support Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 1994-1 Nov 2008.

65th Airlift Squadron, 13 Apr 1992 - present.

535th Airlift Squadron, 18 Apr 2005 - present.

15th Operations Support Squadron, 20 Dec 2005 – present.

96th Air Refueling Squadron, 23 Jul 2010 - 3 Sep 2015

19th Fighter Squadron, 4 Oct 2010 - present.

Stations. Hickam AFB, HI, 13 Apr 1992-18 May 2010; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, 18 May 2010 - present.

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; Lt Col Michael A. Fleck 4 Jan 2002; Col Raymond G. Torres 3 Jul 2002; Col Jeffrey L. Fraser 28 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 J. Merritt, 21 June 2013; Colonel Charles Velino 18 June 2015; Colonel Jason King 22 Jun 2017; Colonel Scott D. Berndt 18 Jun 2019 - present

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

Operations: The 15th Operations Group comprises of four distinct squadrons: the 65th Airlift Squadron, 535th Airlift Squadron, 15th Operations Support Squadron, and the 19th Fighter Squadron.

With slightly more than 300 personnel, the 15th Operations Group is responsible for overseeing the safe and effective use of more than \$9.6 billion in F-22A, C-17A, and C-37 aircraft executing a \$296 million flying-hour program in support of worldwide mission requirements.

The 65th Airlift Squadron provides global airlift on specifically configured C-37A aircraft supporting the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (CDRUSINDOPACOM); Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; Commander, Pacific Air Forces (COMPACAF); and U.S. and foreign dignitaries in support in direct support of U.S. foreign policy.

The 535th Airlift Squadron provides combat-ready C-17A aircrew for the execution of worldwide airlift missions supporting national security and Department of Defense directives. They maintain mission readiness in night vision goggle (NVG); aerial refueling; airdrop; and low-level, austere airfield and emergency nuclear airlift operations in support of JCS exercises, global contingencies, presidential support, humanitarian airlift, and aeromedical evacuations.

The 19th Fighter Squadron is a combat-ready fighter squadron prepared to mobilize, deploy and employ the F-22 air dominance fighter in support of worldwide combatant commanders. It performs daily air sovereignty alert missions for INDOPACOM, covering 300,000 square miles. It conducts graduate-level training, enabling pilots to exploit unique

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advantages of the world's only fifth-generation fighter. It maintains readiness in the full spectrum of F-22 air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons employment.

The 15th Operations Squadron provides combat aircrew support for the full spectrum of 15th Wing air operations to include aircrew training, combat tactics, intelligence, operations scheduling, life support and combat weather services for transient and wing aircrews. It also supplies airfield management oversight of the U.S. Air Force's largest shared-use airfield, providing flight operations and enroute support for more than 9,800 aircraft and the deployed operations of more than 50 units annually. It is also responsible for maintaining oversight of theater flight records for 450 aviators in eight countries.

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.

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