

515th AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS WING



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STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Stephen W. Oliver, Jr.

Col Richard McClain

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

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Azure, above a demi-globe rotated on an axis Celeste, gridlined of the field, a demi-sun rayed of six Tenné, charged with a Pegasus trotting to dexter Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "515TH AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS WING" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Pegasus symbolizes the men and women of the Air Mobility Operations Wing that provide lift capability to the Air Force, as the Pegasus is known for carrying thunderbolts for Zeus. The globe represents the projection of global reach power. The sun alludes to the mobility operations that occur both day and night.

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5/30/2008 – Air Mobility Command officials will stand up a new wing June 5 as part of its en route structure in the Pacific. The 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, will be the first wing AMC officials have established overseas since the command's Formation in 1992. Supporting AMC aircraft and crews transiting the Pacific, the wing becomes the headquarters for the existing 715th Air Mobility Operations Group at Hickam AFB and the new 515th AMOG at Yokota AB, Japan.

"This new wing will provide an enhanced level of control for our en route structure in the Pacific, which includes critical locations for getting people, cargo and patients to and from war zones," said Col. Richard A. McClain, who is appointed to be the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing commander and currently serves as the 615th Contingency Response Wing vice commander at Travis AFB, Calif.

"The strategic locations of our en route bases maximize the distance our mobility fleet can travel without air refueling. At the same time, we provide maintenance and aerial port servicing, as well as allowing aircrews the opportunity to get the appropriate crew rest." "This wing standup demonstrates that AMC's en route structure is a flexible organization, shaped by the needs of our nation's security," said Maj. Gen. James A. Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander. "We're always looking for opportunities to make our system more responsive and efficient.

This is one more example of adjusting the system to meet the combatant commander's needs." The en route system serves as a critical link in supporting the warfighter. "We couldn't perform our global mission without our air mobility people and infrastructure in the theater," said General Hawkins. "Our mobility aircraft transiting from their home base across the Pacific need these locations to refuel and be serviced before and after long missions."

About 1,800 personnel are assigned to the new wing. More than half will stay with the 715th AMOG and its three squadrons, supporting flights transiting Hickam AFB; Andersen AFB, Guam; and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. The new 515th AMOG at Yokota will have operational control over the three squadrons at Osan AB, Korea; Kadena AB, Japan; and Yokota AB.

Air Mobility Command's only overseas wing, the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, headquartered at Hickam AB, Hawaii, recently celebrated its first year in operation, during which it has provided maintenance, aerial port, and command and control support for AMC aircraft and crews flying in the Pacific region. The unit, which AMC activated in June 2008, comprises some 2,000 geographically separated personnel, providing AMC support primarily at Andersen AB, Guam, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Hickam, Kadena AB and Yokota AB, Japan, and Osan AB, South Korea. "This wing provides an enhanced level of control for our en route structure in the Pacific, which includes critical locations for getting people, cargo, and patients to and from war zones," said Col. Richard McClain, 515th AMOW commander.