

## 2 AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP



### MISSION

2 Aircraft Delivery Group mission was the worldwide delivery of United States Air Force, Military Assistance Program and Foreign Military Sales aircraft and provide air transportation for continental United States armies.

### LINEAGE

Northeast Sector, Ferrying Command constituted, 14 Feb 1942

Activated, 21 Feb 1942

Redesignated Northeast Sector, Domestic Wing, Ferrying Command, 25 Apr 1942

Redesignated 2 Ferrying Group, 26 May 1942

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 2 Aircraft Delivery Group, 5 Sep 1969

Activated, 15 Oct 1969

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1994

### STATIONS

Logan Field, MD, 21 Feb 1942

Baltimore Municipal Airport, MD, Mar 1942

New Castle County Airport, DE, 29 May 1942-31 Mar 1944

Langley AFB, VA, 15 Oct 1969-1 Jul 1994

### ASSIGNMENTS

Domestic Wing, Air Corps Ferrying Command (later Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command) 18 Feb 1942 – 31 Mar 1944

Tactical Air Command, 15 Oct 1969

Air Combat Command, 1 Jun 1992 – 1 Jul 1994

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Howard H. Dale 20 Aug 1969  
Col James W. Dearborn  
Col John L. Pickitt, Jul 1976  
Col Bryant P. Culberson  
Col Lloyd H. Langston  
Col Gordon F. Billington, 28 Jun 1988  
Col Charles Higgins  
Col J. Roger Hamilton, Jr.

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater, 21 Feb 1942-31 Mar 1944

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 1985-31 Dec 1986  
1 Jun 1991-31 Mar 1944

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

2 Ferry Group was redesignated and activated as 2 Aircraft Delivery Group 15 Oct 1965 deriving mission, personnel and equipment from 4440<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Delivery Group.

In 1976, 2 Aircraft Delivery Group's primary sorties were: Coronet East (Atlantic, European, Middle East), Coronet West (Pacific And East Asian Areas), Coronet North (Alaskan and Canadian Area), and Coronet South (Caribbean And South American Area). Supported Tac Project Coronet Cove deployment A-7's to and from Howard Air Force Base, Canal Zone. Group's first deliveries of controlled move of YC-15s. Group also delivered RF-4Es to Iran, part of Project Peace Roll III.

In 1984, 2 Aircraft Delivery Group supported 18 tactical air command deployments by providing either operational control, movement control, team assistance, or both. Deployments were: Brim Frost 83, Coronet Armor, Coronet Banner, Coronet Castle, Coronet Cove, Coronet Cross, Coronet Dagger, Coronet Joust, Coronet Lance, Coronet Shield, Coronet Squire, Kindle Liberty 83, Opportune Journey, Salty Bee 83, Sentry Tigre, Trial Embowi, And Universal Trek.

2 Aircraft Delivery Group delivered 82 aircraft of four different types (F-4, F-15, F-16, F-111) to

foreign governments under seven separate foreign military sale: Peace Vector, Project Hill, Peace Sun, Fms Germany, Peace Gate, Peace Land And Peace Eagle.

On 1 Jun 1983, 2 Aircraft Delivery Group implemented its system to transmit automatically to its 11 Detachments a complete computer flight plan in pilots' log format.

Members of the group experienced problems with F-100 Pratt-Whitney engines on F-15 and F-16 aircraft during delivery missions.

Det 1, Hickam AFB, HI

Det 2, McClellan AFB, CA

Det 3, Robins AFB, GA

Det 4, Pease AFB, NH

Det 5, Lajes Field, Azores

Det 6, Rhein Main AB, Germany

Det 7, Shaw AFB, SC

Det 11, Andersen AFB, Guam

Det 12, Kadena AB, Okinawa

Det 14, Torrejon AB, Spain

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