# **15 MAINTENANCE GROUP**



### **MISSION**

# LINEAGE<sup>1</sup>

15 Air Depot Group established, 5 Jan 1942
Activated, 28 Jan 1942
Inactivated, 15 Mar 1946
Disestablished, 27 Sep 1984
Reestablished and redesignated 15 Logistics Group, 1 Apr 1992
Activated, 13 Apr 1992
Redesignated 15 Maintenance Group, 30 Sep 2002
Inactivated, 11 Jul 2003
Activated, 22 Jun 2005

# **STATIONS**

Duncan Fld, TX, 28 Jan 1942 Kelly Fld, TX, 11 Mar-6 May 1943 Camp Mt. Louisa (Townsville), Australia, 18 Jun 1943-2 Nov 1944 Tacloban (Leyte), Phillipine Islands, 19 Nov 1944-15 Mar 1946 Hickam AFB, HI, 13 Apr 1992-11 Jul 2003 Hickam AFB, HI, 22 Jun 2005

 $^{\rm 1}$  Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

San Antonio Air Depot, 28 Jan 1942 V Air Service Area Command, 18 Jun 1943 5295 Air Service Area Command (P), 1 Sep 1945 Far East Air Service Command, 1 Jan-15 Mar 1946 15 Air Base (later, 15 Airlift) Wing, 13 Apr 1992-11 Jul 2003 15 Airlift Wing, 22 Jun 2005

# **COMMANDERS**

# **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

Service Streamers
World War II American Theater

# **Campaign Streamers**

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Leyte 1944-1945

# **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **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

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

The 15th Air Depot Group was activated at Duncan Field, San Antonio, in Texas on 28 January 1942. They left New York at 6 a.m. on 15 May 1943 on board the US Army transport "Uruguay". They arrived in Brisbane, on 14 June 1943. Upon arrival they moved to Camp Doomben, then Camp Ascot. This was near Eagle Farm airfield in Brisbane. They then caught the troop train to Townsville.

The 49 officers and 1,098 enlisted men of the 15th Air Depot Group arrived in Townsville on 18 June 1943 to join up with the 4th Air Depot Group and the 12th Air Depot Group at Depot #2

Townsville which was located at the base of Mount Louisa. These three Air Depot Groups along with some other separate detachments and Service Squadrons formed the 5th Air Service Command.

When the 15th Air Depot Group arrived in Townsville, this brought the number of Americans working and living at the base of Mount Louisa to somewhere between 3,500 and 4,200 personnel. The personnel of 15th Air Depot Group were initially housed in conical tents.

# 15th Air Depot Group

- 15th Depot Repair Squadron
- 29th Depot Repair Squadron
- 15th Depot Supply Squadron
- 194th Ordnance Dep. Co.
- 1702nd Ordnance Medium Maintenance Co. Aviation
- 2486th Q.M. Truck Co. Aviation