

18th LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

18th Supply Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted, 10 Aug 1948
Activated, 14 Aug 1948
Redesignated 18th Supply Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 23 Dec 1949
Redesignated 18th Supply Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957
Activated, 4 Dec 1963
Organized, 8 Jan 1964
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Apr 1968
Activated, 30 Sep 1974
Redesignated 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 19 Aug 2002

STATIONS

Clark AFB, Philippines, 14 Aug 1948
Pusan AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Pyongyang East, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Chinhae, South Korea, 9 Dec 1950
Osan-ni, South Korea, 27 Dec 1952
Kadena AB, Japan, 1 Nov 1954-1 Oct 1957
Kadena AB, Japan, 8 Jan 1964-1 Apr 1968

Kadena AB, Japan, 30 Sep 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

18th Maintenance and Supply Group, 14 Aug 1948-1 Oct 1957

18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jan 1964-1 Apr 1968

18th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1974

313th Air Division, 11 Feb 1981

18th Logistics Group, 1 Oct 1991

18th Mission Support Group, 19 Aug 2002

COMMANDERS

LTC Eric Axelbank, Jun 2005-Jun 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea

CCF Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea Summer-Fall 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1964-5 Jun 1965

6 Jun 1965-31 Dec 1966

1 Sep 1978-30 Sep 1979

1 Oct 1979-31 May 1980

1 Jul 1981-31 May 1983

1 Jun 1983-31 May 1984

1 Jun 1987-31 May 1989

1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

1 Jun 1991-31 May 1993

1 Jun 1993-31 Aug 1994

1 Sep 1994-31 Aug 1995

1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1997

1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007
31 Oct 2009-30 Nov 2010
2 Nov 2010-1 Nov 2012
2 Nov 2012-1 Nov 2013

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

1 Dec 1950-31 Jan 1951
1 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-1 Apr 1968

EMBLEM





Approved, 21 Feb 1991

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

One of the better things that come out of an operation of this type are the fine friends and memories that you collect. Many of us have forgotten some of the happenings so let's go back for awhile....They had lots of names for that one—they all meant the same thing—you were dumped out in the Korean mud within a few clays after the fighting had started. For those who don't know, Bout One boys came from Japan and hit this Land of Morning Calm on 5 July 1950—Dallas may be home to you but to the guys on the project from the Philippines it meant more of that Korean mud and dust—yes, they often came at the same time.

The mud wasn't the only thing either—remember the long days, when normal duty hours meant from 0700 to 2100 and then some—you worked anywhere and at anytime, doing whatever happened to be needed—nobody knew or cared what your spec was but the job got done. And how about that Korean cemetery we lived in—that was quite a deal, with the pup tents stuck up among the graves—but hell, you were so tired by the time you got in the sack that it would have been hard to tell the difference between the living and the dead.

Men like Sergeants Danvers, Whack, Odzana, Pastuszek, MacIntyre, Shimborski, Brim, Holt, Boone, White, Carter, Niemiec, Ryle and all the others will never forget those days—neither will Major Mills, he was the only officer in the supply setup then.

Remember Captain Bell and his LST's?—he left with them loaded with all the heavy stuff and just had them unloaded, when the word came to pull out and he had to load them back up again.

Remember the refugees? You would see a pile of people about twenty feet high and three hundred

yards long down the railroad track at a good clip and you knew there had to be a train under them but it was hard to see—any train going south was dressed in white rags and the end the smoke came out of was the engine.

Then came ROTATION and a lot of the old guard went back to Japan and the Philippines—Major Mills went back to Clark Field and was replaced by Captain Paul R Williams, our new Base Supply Officer—Major Howard G Beck took over the COs slot from Major Reese. Under their direction we forged even further ahead and today the operation is practically Stateside— we have new offices and warehouses, good quarters and good chow—the living is good, that is if living in Korea can be good.

To the men of the 18th Supply Squadron, past, present, and future goes the credit for our success and to them—this story is humbly dedicated.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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