

## 18<sup>th</sup> MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

18<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group established, 10 Aug 1948  
Activated, 14 Aug 1948  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957  
Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group, 30 Apr 1974  
Activated, 30 Sep 1974  
Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Wing, 15 Jan 1985  
Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Support Group, 1 Oct 1991  
Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, 19 Aug 2002

#### STATIONS

Clark AFB, PI, 14 Aug 1948  
Pusan AB, Korea, 1 Dec 1950  
East Pyongyang, Korea, 1 Dec 1950  
Suwon AB, Korea, 5 Dec 1950  
Chinhae, Korea, 15 Dec 1950  
Osan-ni, Korea, 27 Dec 1952  
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 30 Oct 1954-1 Oct 1957  
Kadena AB, Japan, 30 Sep 1974

## **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Yonton Aux AB, Okinawa, 10 Nov-11 Dec 1954

Formosa, 1-15 Feb 1955

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

18<sup>th</sup> Fighter (later, 18<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber) Wing, 14 Aug 1948-1 Oct 1957

18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Sep 1974

313<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 11 Feb 1981

18<sup>th</sup> Wing, 1 Oct 1991

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Thirteenth Air Force, 16 May-1 Jul 1949

24<sup>th</sup> Air Depot Wing, 1 Jul-16 Dec 1949

6332<sup>nd</sup> Air Base Wing, 1-9 Nov 1954

313<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Feb-1 Oct 1957

## **COMMANDERS**

### **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 Sep 1978-30 Sep 1979

1 Oct 1979-31 May 1981

1 Jun 1981-31 May 1983

1 Jun 1983-31 May 1984

1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986

1 Jun 1987-31 May 1989

1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

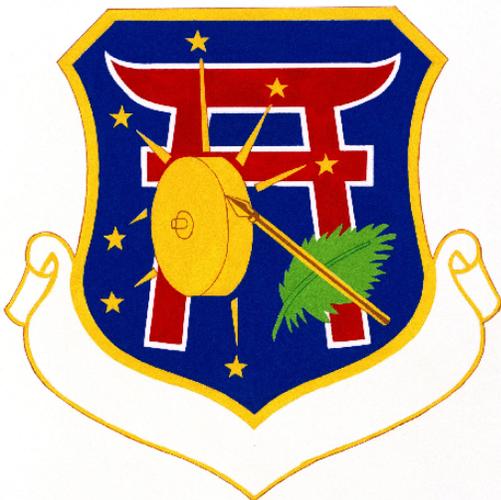
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002

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

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

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

### EMBLEM



18<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Wing emblem

### MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

Hewing closely to the "housekeeping" role the Air Base Group proudly points out that is many support functions have directly affected the morale and health of the entire 18th Wing. Relegated to near-drudgery tasks and lacking front-page glamor we are proud to have been a part of one of the greatest air units involved in the Korean conflict.

We started out as the "six-double-oh-deuce" with Major Bob Bonebrake and First Sergeant Charley Graves calling the plays. That was back in the famous "advance to the rear" days. Since then we've come a long way to our present stateside operation. The dining halls, the barracks, our combination gym-theatre, the service club, and all the other elements that provoke the perennial term "fat", are mute testimony to the sweat and labor of our squadrons.

The ABG's roster is filled with such memory-jogging names as Powers, Pawlowski, Lavandoski, Wise, De Coursey, Wilson, and many other officers whose efforts have become history in the 18th.

Be it the Air Police or the Base Photo lab, we've been in there pitching from the very beginning. We're still rasslin' tempermental stoves, rotation, mail from home, and duty rosters, but in the main Dogpatch has taken on a streamlined "how-good-can-it-get" appearance. We can even boast a campus of our own with instructors from the University of California.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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