

# **2705 AIRMUNITIONS WING**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

2705 Airmunitions Wing

## **STATIONS**

Hill AFB, UT, 8 Jan 1960-1 Nov 1969

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Colonel Jack L. Tueller

Colonel William. D. Cavanaugh, 15 Nov 1966

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

AMC approved OOAMA's request for consolidation of all airmunitions functions into one organization. These were the changes: designation and organization of the Headquarters, 2705th Airmunitions Wing; abolishment of the Directorate of Airmunitions; discontinuance of the 2700th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group and the 25th Ammunition Supply Squadron; transfer of functions and personnel of the Directorate of Materiel Management's Ammunition Logistics

Support Division to the Wing, redesignated as the Inventory Management Division. EOD functions were performed by an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Division within the Wing and these EOD Squadrons: 2701st, Hill AFB with five Detachments; 2702nd, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio with five Detachments; 2703rd, Tachikawa Air Base, Japan with six Detachments. Functions of the 25th Ammunition Supply Squadron were performed by the Wing's Depot Operations Division. JAN 1960

AFLC reorganized the 2705th Airmunitions Wing, OOAMA, discontinuing the 2702nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and its Detachments: 1, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma; 2, Kelly AFB, Texas; 3, Robins AFB, Georgia; 6, Griffiss AFB, New York., 1 Feb 1962

After 37 month's storage in Hill AFB's Aging Laboratory, a Minuteman first-stage motor was static test-fired by Thiokol Chemical Corp.'s Wasatch Division. This was number seven in the series of tests (20, 15, 20, 26, 27 and 32 months) determining how long a Minuteman missile could remain in a launch silo before it required removal for maintenance and reworking. The Aging Laboratory storage project under the direction of the Ballistic Systems Division was monitored by OOAMA's 2705th Airmunitions Wing. Thiokol X-rays following storage and after a 1,500-mile road test revealed no adverse effects of either. 8 Jan 1964

Officials dedicated the 351,530-acre Hill Air Force Range as ready on 31 July 1964. The 2705th Airmunitions Wing operated the range and conducted various tests on the Minuteman and other missile components, airmunitions, and explosives. Later, on 9 January 1969, officials dedicated a new addition to the dormitory. The one-story, cinder block structure cost \$120,000, had 18 rooms with a capacity for 54 personnel, and contained a lounge for off duty rest and relaxation.

The special skills of the 2705th Airmunitions Wing were utilized when OOAMA, the development agency for Project Hill Genie, used the wing and other skilled personnel in conducting the first preliminary compatibility ground-launch test on 23 June 1965. These tests aimed at adapting a new weapon to the bomber aircraft of the Tactical Air Command (TAC) and Strategic Air Command (SAC) by 1 October 1965. The large project was conducted at the Hill Air Force Range.

On 21 October 1965, OOAMA's 2705th Air-munition Wing was designated as the command program manager for the Air Force Chemical and Biological Weapons Program. The wing integrated the actions of all Air Force agencies participating in the program.

On 8 February 1966, another unique project came to the 2705th Airmunitions Wing, when HQ USAF assigned project Photo Con (Photographing Conventional Munitions for Congress).

The 2705th Airmunitions Wing contributed greatly to the SEA support, so much so that, on 23 September 1968, it won the Air Force's "Unit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Logistics Management." Its Southeast Asia activities were a major factor in the selection. Following closely behind that award was still more recognition, as the first annual General Thomas P. Gerrity Logistics Award was presented to the 2705th on 30 October 1968.

On 1 November 1969, during a period of Vietnam-era de-escalation and initial cutbacks, the Ogden AMA 2705th Ammunitions Wing was inactivated and the functions absorbed by other OOAMA organizations. The inactivation of the wing and its numerous detachments resulted in the loss of approximately 100 manpower spaces and the reduction of many high grade positions. The reduction-in-force procedures that followed involved 729 civilian positions. The following detachments assigned to the 2705 were affected: 1 Detachment 11, Tooele Army Depot, Utah; Detachment 12, Hermiston, Oregon; Detachment 13, Lexington Army Depot, Kentucky; Detachment 14, Herlong, California.

Concurrent with inactivation, operating locations of OOAMA were established. The following detachments and units were also inactivated: Detachment 1, Indian Head, Maryland; 2727 Airmunitions Squadron (Test), Hill AFB, Utah; 2728 Airmunitions Squadron (Supply), Hill AFB, Utah. The 2701 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah was relieved from assignment to the 2705 Airmunitions Wing and assigned to OOAMA as a staff office of the OOAMA Commander with a symbol of OOE. Detachment 63, Hq OOAMA, was activated at Indian Head, Maryland. Approximately 100 manpower spaces were saved, along with the reduction of many higher grade positions. The new alignment was not to impair or disrupt SEA munitions support.

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