

## 8 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

8 Mission Support Group Provides the full spectrum of military support, for any level of threat or war, to include air base defense, disaster response, civil engineering, communications, recreation services, and all personnel mission support affecting 3,400 active duty and civilian personnel. Maintains the 2,175 acre air base infrastructure, 1,200 facilities, the airfield complex, water and electric plants, dining facilities, and communications plant.

Combat-postured support group responsible for 2.7K base personnel, \$1.5B in infrastructure, 45 PAA F-16s, and a 10K-hour annual flying hour program. Supports in-garrison ROKAF fighter group. Develops plans and executes ops in support armistice defense directives and 7th AF, PACAF and U.S. Forces Korea orders . Secures and defends the base, plans for and accepts follow-on forces, and ensures the wing can "Take the Fight North" at a moment's notice.

### LINEAGE

8 Air Base Group established, 10 Aug 1948  
Activated, 18 Aug 1948.  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957  
Redesignated 8 Combat Support Group, 1 Dec 1965  
Activated, 1 Dec 1965  
Organized, 8 Dec 1965  
Redesignated 8 Support Group, 3 Feb 1992  
Redesignated 8 Mission Support Group, 5 Aug 2002

### STATIONS

Ashiya Airfield, Japan, 18 Aug 1948  
Itazuke Airfield (later Air Base), Japan, 25 Mar 1949  
Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950  
Seoul Airfield, South Korea, 9 Dec 1950  
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 10 Dec 1950  
Kimp'o Air Base, South Korea, 18 May 1951  
Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 20 Aug 1951  
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 19 Oct 1954 - 1 Oct 1957  
Ubon Airfield, (later, Ubon Royal Thai AFB), Thailand, 8 Dec 1965  
Kunsan Air Base, South Korea 16 Sep 1974

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

8 Fighter Wing (later 8 Fighter-Bomber Wing), 18 Aug 1948 - 1 Oct 1957  
8 Tactical Fighter Wing (later 8 Fighter Wing), 8 Dec 1965

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Bruce B. Knutsen, 1965  
Col Leon H. Larson Jr., 1966  
Col Clifford Long, 29 Jun 1967  
Col F. W. Klibbe, 1968  
Col Norman H. Prisdie, 1968  
Col Elsie Harris Jr., 1968  
Col Elmer D. Howk, 1969  
Col Daniel G. Cummings, 1969  
Col Richard J. Forman, 1970  
Col W.E. Paxton, 1971  
Col Robert E. Whiting, 1972  
Col Fred W. Ermel Jr., 1973  
Col Boyd W. Hensley, 16 Sep 1974  
Col Eugene D. Levy, Aug 1975  
Col Paul C. Mathis, Jul 1976  
Col Eugene L. Vosika, Jul 1977  
Col Melvin P. Clarke, Jul 1978  
Col Lester R. Terrell, Jun 1979  
Col Weston T. Smith, Jul 1980  
Col Wayne E. Clark, Jun 1981  
Lt Col Tatom A. Fisher, Jun 1982  
Col Wade S. Gatling, Jul 1983  
Col Ray D. Reaves, Jul 1983  
Col William E. Bristol, Jul 1984  
Col Charles I. Halt, Jul 1985  
Col David K. Kramer, Aug 1986  
Col Bruce A. Sanders, Jul 1987  
Col George G. Giddens, Jul 1988

Col Walter W. Schauffele, Jul 1989  
Col John F. Regni, 12 Jul 90  
Col Barry S. Wilson, Jul 1991  
Col Michael P. O'Conner, 14 Jul 1992  
Col Jobe C. Tickel Jr, 3 Jun 1993  
Col Frank P. Cyr, 7 Jun 1994  
Col Mario S. Cafiero, 14 Jun 1995  
Col Kevin A. Collins, 17 Jun 1996  
Col Gilbert T. Perry Jr., 11 Jun 1997  
Col Robert M. Clowers, 15 Apr 1998  
Col Jack C. Schofield, 18 May 1999  
Col John D. Fouser, 16 May 2000  
Col Michael C. Gardiner, 9 May 2001  
Col Timothy A. Byers, 14 May 2002  
Col Douglas K. Tucker, 12 May 2003  
Col Lisa Belue, 24 May 2004  
Col Linda Urrutia-Varhall, 16 May 2005  
Col Lisa D. Tucker, 22 May 2006  
Col Timothy Sakulich, 22 May 2007  
Col Robert Nuanes, 28 May 2008  
Col Patrick G. Clements, 15 May 2009  
Col Richard S. Palmieri, 22 May 2006  
Col Suzanne S. Kumashiro, 14 Jun 2011  
Col Joseph Atkins, 22 Jun 2012  
Col Carrie J. Bausano, 21 Jun 2013  
Col Dennis D. Curran, 13 Jun 2014  
Col Seth C. Frank, 12 Jun 2015  
Col Richard A. McKee, 9 Jun 2016

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

CCF Intervention 1950- 1951  
CCF Spring Offensive 1951  
UN Summer-Fall Offensive 1951  
Second Korean Winter 1951-1952  
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952  
Third Korean Winter 1952-1953  
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966  
Vietnam Air 1966  
Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967- 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968- 1969  
Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969  
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969  
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969- 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970  
Southwest Monsoon 1970  
Commando Hunt V 1970-1971  
Commando Hunt VI 1971  
Commando Hunt VII 1971 -1972  
Vietnam Ceasefire 1 972- 1973

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia):

16 Dec 1966 - 2 Jan 1967

1 Mar 1967 - 31 Mar 1968

1 Jan 1971 - 1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat V

16 Dec 1965 - 15 Dec 1966

1 Apr 1968 - 30 Sep 1968

1 Jan- 31 Dec 1970

1 Oct 1971 – 31 Mar 1972

1 Apr 1972 - 22 Oct 1972

18 Dec 1972 - 15 Aug 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr 1977 -31 Mar 1978

1 Jun 1986 - 31 May 1988

1 Aug 1995 – 31 Jul 1997

1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007

1 Nov 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations:

27 Jun 1950 - 31 Jan 1951

1 Feb 1951 - 31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm:

1 Apr 1966 - 28 Jan 1973

## EMBLEM



Group uses the 8th Fighter Wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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### Sources

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