

6487 AIR BASE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

6487 Support Squadron

Activated, 1 Apr 1955

Redesignated 6487 Air Base Squadron

STATIONS

Wheeler AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Carl V. Schott, 22 Jun 1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On April 1, 1955, when the 1500th Air Base Wing, MATS, was replaced 6486th Air Base Wing, the unit at Wheeler also changed. The 1508th Support Squadron was replaced by the 6487th

Support Squadron.

Commander of the 6487th Support Squadron was designated Commander of Wheeler Air Force Base. The Squadron remained assigned to the 6486th Air Base Wing. Its mission was: support tenant units stationed at Wheeler AFB including the 326th Air Division (Hawaiian Air Defense Division) and ancillary units of Pacific Air Forces.

The Squadron gave various types of support to a total base population of 1,884 at Wheeler. This included all Air Force military and civilians, 261 Army, and approximately 500 Navy personnel. The Army members, part of the 25th Aviation Company, were actually quartered at Schofield Barracks but required mess and logistic support at Wheeler. Navy personnel at the Navy Control Center operation in Kunia Tunnel required billeting, transportation, and mess facilities.

On December 1, 1959, the Wheeler Commander and 6487th Support Squadron assumed limited operational and maintenance responsibility for Dillingham Air Force Base, previously under jurisdiction of the 6486th Installations. By the end of 1959, tenant units at Wheeler AFB, in addition to the 326th Air Division and other PACAF units, included Hq Air Materiel Force Pacific Area (AMFPA); a number of MATS components such as Detachment 3, 1st Weather Wing and Hq and Det. 1, Pacific Airways and Air Communications Service (AACS); Det. 1, 8th Air Rescue Group; and Office of the Field Representative, 6930th Security Wing. With approximately 300 Army and 500 Navy personnel, the base had a population of 2,480.

During 1960 responsibility was given to the 6487th Support Squadron for support of the PACAF Control Center at Kunia in addition to the Navy Kunia operation.

On January 9, 1961, the 6487th Support Squadron was redesignated 6487th Air Base Squadron.

With the inactivation of the 6487th Air Base Squadron's parent unit, the 6486th Air Base Wing at Hickam Air Force Base on November 1, 1971, came the deactivation of the 6487th. Concurrently with the activation of the parent 15th Air Base Wing at Hickam on this same date, came the activation of the 15th Air Base Squadron at Wheeler Air Force Base. The 15th Air Base Squadron assumed the duties and mission of the inactivated 6487th with no gain or loss in personnel.

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