

AIR MATERIEL FORCE, PACIFIC AREA

MISSION

LINEAGE

Far East Air Service Command established, 14 Jul 1944
Activated, 18 Aug 1944
Redesignated Pacific Air Service Command, U.S. Army, Jan 1946
Redesignated Far East Air Materiel Command, 1 Jan 1947
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1952 but immediately organized on same day
Redesignated Far East Air Logistics Force, 1 Jul 1952
Redesignated Air Materiel Force, Pacific Area, 1 Oct 1955
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1962

STATIONS

Brisbane, Australia
Hollandia, New Guinea, 16 Nov 1944
Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 7 Aug 1945
Fuchu, Japan, 20 Jan 1947
FEAMC AB, Japan, 1 July 1949
FEAMC AB (later, Tachikawa AB), Japan, 1 Feb 1952
Wheeler AFB, Territory of Hawaii, 1 Jun 1957
Tachikawa AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

Far East Air Forces
Air Materiel Command (later, Air Force Logistics Command) 1 Oct 1955

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen William T. Hudnell, #1956
Brig Gen V. G. Huston, #1961

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

This logistical organization, which eventually became the primary USAF logistical organization Pacific during World War II.

Activated on 18 August 1944 at Brisbane, Australia, replacing the Far East Air Service Command (Provisional), formed on 15 June 1944 at the same location.

Inactivated on 1 February 1952 but immediately organized on same day at FEAMC AB (later, Tachikawa AB), Japan, assigned to Far East Air Forces.

Air Materiel Force, Pacific Area As an integral part of the Air Materiel Command mission to support the U.S. Air Forces, Tachikawa's Air Materiel Force, Pacific Area (AMFPA), operates to insure successful completion of materiel support for the Pacific Air Forces.

Primarily, materiel support is a direct resupply action from Continent U.S. air materiel areas to the using agency. However, certain functions require AMC's "on-the-spot" representation, and that's where AMFPA fits in.

As the Pacific arm of AMC, AMFPA supports the U.S. Air Force in Japan, Iwo Jima, Guam, Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. In addition, AMFPA supports the Military Assistant Program (MAP) in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, Taiwan, Thailand and South Viet Nam.

One major function of AMFPA comes under the Directorate of Procurement and Production. In the interest of economy, shipping time, and other operational considerations, CONUS AMA's often decide to overhaul equipment or hire services by contract in the overseas area. CONUS Logistics Managers decide, in each case, whether it is more advantageous to use indigenous facilities or CONUS contractor teams.

In the case of indigenous contracts, AMFPA acts as the procuring agency for the CONUS Logistics Manager. To provide this service, AMFPA maintains seven procurement offices which cover the entire area of responsibility. These offices administer the contracts scattered throughout the Pacific area.

AMFPA also supervises the production of CONUS contractor teams performing work in this area.

Another major function comes under the Directorate of Logistics Support Management (LSM). This segment of the AMFPA organization provides technical assistance to the Pacific Air Forces and countries under MAP; calibration and repair of precision measuring equipment; "on-site" depot maintenance of fixed communications and electronic equipment; and Pacific petroleum products supply management.

The Mobile Depot Activity is responsible for depot-type in-spection, repair and rehabilitation of "on-site" communications and electronics (c-e) equipment for the entire area.

The division, under LSM, calls for its men to be flown all over the Far East and southern Asia to repair and maintain all types of c-e equipment on-the-spot. Sometimes, equipment is brought back to Tachikawa Air Base for repair.

AMFPA's Comptroller acts as management advisor to the AMFPA Commander. This organization also initiates action to effect more efficient and economical utilization of command resources.

All AMFPA Staff agencies insure that Air Force activities and MAP countries in the Pacific area get the materiel and services they need to maintain their high level of operational readiness.