

## **PACIFIC AIR FORCES**



### **MISSION**

PACAF's primary mission is to provide ready air and space power to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, through crisis and in war.

PACAF's area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic, more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to nearly two billion people who live in 44 countries. PACAF maintains a forward presence to help ensure stability in the region.

### **LINEAGE**

Far East Air Forces established, 31 Jul 1944

Activated, 3 Aug 1944

Redesignated Pacific Air Command, U.S. Army, 6 Dec 1945

Redesignated Far East Air Forces, 1 Jan 1947

Redesignated Pacific Air Forces, 1 Jul 1957

### **STATIONS**

Brisbane, Australia

Leyte, The Philippines, 20 Nov 1944

Fort William McKinley, 25 Apr 1945

Tokyo, Japan

Fuchu AS, Japan, May 1956

Hickam AFB, HI, 1 Jul 1956

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Gen Ennis C. Whitehead, 30 Dec 1945

Lt Gen George E. Stratemeyer, 26 Apr 1949

Lt Gen Earle E. Partridge (acting), 21 May 1951  
Gen Otto P. Weyland, 10 Jun 1951  
Gen Earle E. Partridge, 26 Mar 1954  
Gen Laurence S. Kuter 1 Jun 1955  
Gen Emmett O'Donnell Jr., 1 Aug 1959  
Gen Jacob E. Smart, 1 Aug 1963  
Gen Hunter Harris Jr., 1 Aug 1964  
Gen John D. Ryan, 1 Feb 1967  
Gen Joseph J. Nazzaro, 1 Aug 1968  
Gen Lucius D. Clay Jr., 1 Aug 1971  
Gen John W. Vogt, 1 Oct 1973  
Gen Louis L. Wilson Jr., 1 Jul 1974  
Lt Gen James A. Hill, 1 Jun 1977  
Lt Gen James D. Hughes, 15 Jun 1978  
Lt Gen Arnold W. Braswell, 1 Jul 1981  
Gen Jerome F. O'Malley, 8 Oct 1983  
Gen Robert W. Bazley, 1 Nov 1984  
Gen Jack I. Gregory, 16 Dec 1986  
Gen Merrill A. McPeak, 22 Jul 1988  
Lt Gen James B. Davis, 5 Nov 1990  
Gen Jimmie V. Adams, 19 Feb 1991  
Gen Robert L. Rutherford, 26 Jan 1993  
Gen John G. Lorber, 12 Oct 1994  
Gen Richard B. Myers, 7 Jul 1997  
Gen Patrick K. Gamble, 23 Jul 1998  
Lt Gen Lansford E. Trapp (Acting), 9 Apr 2001  
Gen William J. Begert, 4 May 2001  
Gen Paul V. Hester, 2 Jul 2004  
Gen Carrol H. Chandler, 30 Nov 2007  
Gen Gary L. North, 19 Aug 2009  
Gen Hawk Carlisle  
Gen Lori Robinson, 2014

## **EMBLEM**

## **OPERATIONS**

On 15 June 1944, the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, established Far East Air Forces (Provisional) at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, as the single air headquarters in the Southwest Pacific Area. It became Far East Air Forces on 20 June when the new command received War Department approval of its designation, and was formally activated on 3 August.

FEAF was established from the assets of Fifth and Thirteenth Air Forces, with the commander and bulk of the staff coming from Fifth. It consolidated all US air units in the Southwest Pacific Area under a single air headquarters.

After World II, FEAF and 5th Air Force remained in Japan, while 7th Air Force operated from Hawaii, and 13th Air Force from the Philippines. In the post-war years, FEAF was designated the theater air force for the Far East Command. All air forces in the Far East and Southwest Pacific were placed under one Air Force commander for the first time.

In 1992, changes took place in force structure within PACAF as the command assumed control of theater-based tactical airlift wings, theater C-130 aircraft and crews, and associated theater C-130 support. PACAF also gained control of all operational support aircraft and all aeromedical airlift assets in the Pacific.

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