

SPOKANE AIR DEPOT

MISSION

LINEAGE

Spokane Air Depot activated, 1 Mar 1942

STATIONS

Spokane, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The Air Corps completed most of its plans for constructing seven new depots before the Japanese attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and the United States entered World War II. These plans called for the new depots to be constructed at Ogden, Utah; Mobile, Alabama; Rome, New York; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Wellston (later Warner Robins), Georgia; San Bernardino, California; and Spokane, Washington.

Near the middle of September 1941, the Army Corps of Engineers approved the plans that had been developed by the Air Corps for the construction of a depot at Spokane, Washington. The Air Corps had decided to construct a depot at Spokane because of the city's proximity to Alaska. Construction of the depot was already on the drawing boards when the Japanese attack on Hawaii forced the AAF to accelerate the original construction program. When the new depot commander, Colonel Frank M. Kennedy, arrived in January 1942, he immediately established a temporary headquarters in downtown Spokane. The installation, locally known as Galena, was officially activated as the Spokane Air Depot on March 1, 1942.

15 May 1950, Ogden completed its final inactivation activities for the Spokane Air Depot, Spokane AFB, Washington. The last 15 civilians at the Depot were transferred to other Air Force activities. Two officers remained for close-out activities. As a major control depot of AMC, Spokane Air Depot and Spokane AMA had a peak civilian strength of 10,500, with 7,000 military personnel. Inactivation began in April 1947.

On 10 April 1952 AMC reopened the Spokane Air Depot, Fairchild AFB, Wash. AMC discontinued the USAF Storage Branch at Spokane on 10 April 1952.

On 1 May 1952 AMC relieved Ogden of jurisdiction for the Spokane Air Depot, that began functioning as a separate AMC activity without change of station or personnel.

The Ogden-Spokane relationship continued through 1953 when on 1 August AMC relinquished its command jurisdiction of the Spokane Air Force Depot to Ogden. A month later AMC discontinued the depot and in its place set up the Spokane Supply Branch under the OOAMA Commander.

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