

# 154<sup>th</sup> AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

154<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron activated, 14 Aug 1995  
Redesignated 154<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Hickam AFB, HI

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Bruce K. Minato,  
Maj Duke M. Ota Jr.  
LTC William S. Petti

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Provides fully trained and qualified aircraft launch and recovery-personnel, capable of fulfilling all peacetime training and wartime mission requirements for fighter, air refueling and strategic airlift aircraft.

The 154 AGS consists of a command function and three Aircraft Maintenance Units (AMUs). Each AMU contains a nucleus of officers, senior enlisted personnel, and qualified aircraft maintenance mechanics capable of 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron

The F-15 AMU is composed of aircraft mechanics, flightline avionics specialists, and weapons loading personnel. It is the largest of the three AMUs. The AMU has evolved through the years to modern aircraft. The AMU is presently assigned 19 F-15 A/B MSIP (Multi-Stage Improvement Program) aircraft which have enhanced weapons systems capability, superior avionics, and were also recently modified to carry chaff and flare dispensers. Since its activation, the F-15 AMU has deployed to the Republic of Panama in October 1995 in support of the federal drug interdiction program called "Coronet Nighthawk". The unit also deployed to Incirlik AB, Turkey, in March 1996 to support flying combat patrols over Northern Iraq as part of "Operation Provide Comfort II".

The KC-135 AMU was originally part of the 203rd ARS. The AMU consists of aircraft maintenance mechanics, and was part of a squadron initially assigned five KC-135Rs. The 203rd ARS robusted to nine KC-135R in October 1994. In August 1995, aircraft maintenance personnel were re-assigned under the 154th Logistics Group to the 154th AGS. Aircraft and personnel from the KC-135 AMU have deployed to over 40 locations around the world since activation. The unit has participated in Cope North and Cope Thunder exercises, stood alert in Iceland, and most recently participated in the Deny Flight operation in Italy in October 1995.

The C-130 AMU can trace its origins to when the Hawaii Air National Guard was first assigned an Operational Support Aircraft (OSA) to airlift personnel and cargo between the Hawaiian Islands. Personnel in the OSA flight were assigned to the 154th CAMS. On October 1, 1994, they became part of the newly activated 204th AS. The unit was originally assigned four aircraft. In November 1995, a fifth aircraft was added. On August 14, 1995, the aircraft maintenance mechanics were re-assigned from the 204th AS to the 154th AGS. The C-130 AMU is currently in activation status.

The Maintenance Squadron augmented the Aircraft Generation Squadron F-15 contingent during the 154 Wing's deployments to Incirlik, Turkey, participating in the Provide Comfort If program for the last two years. This program allowed the ANG to fly in real world missions, protecting the "No Fly Zones" over IRAQ so that the active duty units could get some much needed time off from this mission.

The maintainers of the KC-135 assisted the Aircraft Generation Squadron during its deployments to Cope North and Cope Thunder in Alaska. The unit also took part in real world missions as they stood alert in Iceland and most recently participated in Operation Deny Flight, refueling aircraft protecting the skies over Italy and the surrounding countries.

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