

407th AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP



MISSION

The mission of the 407th AEG is to provide coalition tactical airlift support with aerial port operations. More than 800 active-duty Air Force, Guard and Reserve members are assigned to the 407th AEG during any given Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation.

The group's forces are organized under six squadrons

- 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron
- 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron
- 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron
- 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron
- 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

LINEAGE

407th Bombardment Group (Dive) constituted, 23 Mar 1943

Activated, 28 Mar 1943

Redesignated 407th Fighter-Bomber Group, Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 April 1944

407th Strategic Fighter Wing established, 23 Mar 1953

Activated, 18 Dec 1953

Inactivated, 1 July 1957

407th Fighter-Bomber Group reconstituted and consolidated with 407th Strategic Fighter Wing, 31 Jan 1984

Converted to provisional status and redesignated 407th Air Expeditionary Group

Activated, 17 April 2003

Inactivated, 16 Dec 2011

Activated, 2016

STATIONS

Drew Field, FL, 28 Mar 1943
Lakeland AAF, FL 2 Oct 1943
Galveston AAF, TX, 9 Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944
Great Falls AFB, MT, 18 Dec 1953 – 1 Jul 1957
Ali Air Base, Iraq, 14 Apr 2003 – 16 Dec 2011
Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, 2016

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Misawa AB, Japan, 8 Aug-10 Nov 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

22nd Bombardment Training Wing, 28 Mar 1943
III Fighter Command, 15 Aug 1943
72nd Fighter Wing, 9 Mar 1943
Second Air Force, 21 Mar – 1 Apr 1944
Fifteenth Air Force, 18 Dec 1953 – 1 Jul 1957
Allocated to Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate any time after 14 Apr 2003

ATTACHMENTS

39th Air Division (Defense), 8 Aug – 10 Nov 1954
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, 14 Apr 2003 – 24 Apr 2010
321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Wing, 24 Apr 2010-16 Dec 2011
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-24
A-36
P-47
P-51
F-84, 1954
KB-29, 1954
RBF-84, 1955
KC-97, 1957
C-130H, 2004
RQ-1, 2003
MC-12W, 2009

COMMANDERS

1LT William E. Garland, 28 Mar 1943
LTC Mark E. Hubbard, 3 Jun 1943
LTC Carroll W. McColpin, 8 Sep 1943

Maj Pat M. DeBerry, 18 Jan 1944
Maj T. W. Rivers, 30 Mar-1 Apr 1944
Col Lester S. Harris, 18 Dec 1953
Col Charles A. Gayle, 25 Jun 1955
Col Murray A. Bywater, 21 Jul 1955
LTC George T. Walker, Nov 1955
Col Charles A. Gayle, Dec 1955
Col Murray A. Bywater, Feb 1956
Col Salvador P. LaBarbera, Apr 1956
Col Murray A. Bywater, 8 May 1956
Col John C. Edwards, Jun 1956
Col Murray A. Bywater, Jul 1956-1 Jul 1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure (light blue), over an Indian bow and arrow proper, in saltire (the bow green, the arrow yellow, tipped red, feathered blue, yellow, and red, veins black) an Indian shield argent, edged black, charged with a war bird gules, markings sable, twelve feathers pendant, from the base of the shield, proper. (Approved, 1 Jun 1955)

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OPERATIONS

Part of the group, the air echelon with A-24's, was stationed in Alaska during Jul and Aug 1943 for operations against the Japanese in the Aleutians. Trained for combat and later functioned as a replacement training unit

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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