

2nd AIR POSTAL SQUADRON



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STATIONS

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COMMANDERS

Lt William B Selah, Jr.

LTC Mitchell Maddox

LTC Gary Trautmann

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc as a globe Azure, gridlined Sable, four contrails per cross terminating in stylized flight symbols Or, overall a U.S. Postal Eagle of the second, edged and garnished Argent; all within a border parted per border White and Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "FIRST CLASS SERVICE" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "2D AIR POSTAL SQ" in Black letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to

the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The United States Postal Eagle symbolizes the military postal service overseas. The globe is representative of the expeditious service provided worldwide. The aerospace symbols aligned to the compass signify the scope of the unit's responsibility in transporting mail in times of war and peace.

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OPERATIONS

NEWS from home—perhaps the most necessary commodity of all to the airman overseas, is always the concern of Neubiberg's 2nd Air Postal Squadron, commanded by 1LT William B. Selah, Jr. Needless to say, many other important functions are performed by this squadron, but it's news from home which keeps the postal boys busy. Performing a dual function, the 2nd Air Postal Squadron operate the Neubiberg Air Base postal facility, and a classified courier station. The Base Post Office provides postal service for military personnel and their families in the Neubiberg area. This postal service includes a parcel post section, money order section, registry section, and claims section in addition to full facilities for the receipt and dispatch of the mails. A locator containing the names of all military persons served, is operated in order to redirect mail which is misaddressed or lacks complete address. Incoming mail is picked up each day, processed, and delivered to the various unit mail clerks by 1030. Outgoing mail goes out each afternoon and air-mail to the States is flown by commercial airline every afternoon. In this way, a letter posted at 1300 one day, arrives in New York at 0730 the following morning. Another vital function is the Courier Transfer Station, operated as part of the world-wide Armed Forces Courier Service. This is an inter-service agency for the protection, storage, and delivery of classified material.

4/20/2009 From sender to receiver, mail takes a twisty path to its destination. Especially, if that mail goes to military members, Department of Defense civilians and their families stationed overseas. For those in the U.S. European and African Commands, that path crosses with the 2nd Air Postal Squadron, headquartered here. "With only two postal squadrons in the Air Force (the other located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii), it's indeed an honor and privilege to be in command of such a wonderful organization," said Lt. Col. Gary Trautmann, 2nd AIRPS commander. "We are basically a 24/7 operation and our vision of leading the way in providing premium world class service and support throughout the U.S. European and African Command theaters of operations during peacetime, contingencies and war is something we are all very proud of." Over 100 members comprise the six detachments and two operating locations that fall under the 2nd AIRPS which are positioned in England; Spain; Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Frankfurt, Germany; Athens, Greece; Turkey; London, England; and Milan, Italy. These detachments and operating locations manage mail transportation, to include, monitoring over one thousand flight segments, ship routings and various trucking segments. This results in about 76 million pounds of mail processed annually and 18 million dollars in transportation costs. The 2nd AIRPS command at Ramstein also informs, inspects and provides guidance and training to more than 400 postal specialists at 26 military post offices and 16 Department of State post office locations. "Annual postal inspections, management of help desk operations and annual postal

training courses offered at Ramstein keep us all extremely busy," said Yvonne Radloff, 2nd AIRPS command postal training manager. "It's a total team effort and one we all enjoy." Once mail arrives to the operating locations, or mail control activities, it is then forwarded to the detachments, or aerial mail terminals. The AMTs job is to then process and forward mail to the different post office locations. Simply put, the 2nd AIRPS gets mail to the receiver. "Postal service and support is significant to quality of life overseas," the colonel said. "Our men and women give 100 percent effort day in and day out to provide the service and support our customers expect and deserve."

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