

23rd MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

23d Air Base Group: activated in January 1951 at Presque Isle AFB, ME, and assigned to 23d Fighter Interceptor Wing; inactivated on 6 February 1952.

In April of 1963, at Da Nang, the 23d Air Base Group was created to organize the USAF advisory units stationed there.

The 23rd ABG Op/AP (MAAG) relieved the 6222nd Air Base Squadron/AP (MAAG).

1964/65 the 23d Air Base Group supported various USAF deployed squadrons through mid-1965.

LINEAGE

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23rd Combat Support Group

23rd Mission Support Group

STATIONS

Howard AB, Panama, 25 Apr 1949-24 Sep 1949

McConnell AFB, KS, 28 Jan 1964-1 Jul 1964

McConnell AFB, KS, 8 Jun 1969-1 Jul 1972

England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1972

Moody AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Steven K. Lambert

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

STATES THAT 23 AIR BASE GROUP WAS INACTIVATED AND REPLACED AT DA NANG AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN), BY 6252 TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, 8 JUL 65.

STATES THAT DA NANG WAS PRIMARY RECOVERY BASE FOR AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM OUT OF COUNTRY RAIDS AND WHICH WERE RETURNING LOW ON FUEL (BINGO) OR HAD SUSTAINED BATTLE DAMAGE OR MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. WING AIRCRAFT: O-1E BIRD DOG (VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE AND FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CONTROL); C-47 SKYTRAIN (LOGISTIC SUPPORT); C-123 PROVIDER (INTER THEATER CARGO AND AIRLIFT AND FLARE DROPPING); HH-43 HUSKY (AIRCREW RESCUE); HU-16 ALBATROSS (OVER WATER AIRCREW RESCUE); F-102 DELTA DAGGER (AIR DEFENSE); F-104 (AIR COVER AND AIR TO GROUND STRIKES); B-57 CANBERRA (BOMBING AND DIRECT AIR SUPPORT); C-130 (CARGO, TROOP MOVEMENTS AND FLARE DROP); U-10 (PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE); CH-3C (CARGO AND TROOP MOVEMENTS); AND F-4 PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN VIET CONG INFILTRATION OF DA NANG, 1 JUL 65.

Air Force Order of Battle

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