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As the designation of this unit suggests, the 24th Service Group owed much to the Group from which it was born, the 24th Air Base Group.

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 24th Service Group was activated at Hato Field, Aruba (APO 811) as an element of the Antilles Air Command on 18 October 1943, most of its personnel and assets coming from the Headquarters, Trinidad Wing, Antilles Air Command.

In effect, this Group performed a combination of area level depot and air base functions for the Antilles Air Command units in and around Aruba.

To perform these tasks, which often involved movements of men, repair crews and parts to adjacent islands, the Group HHS was assigned single examples of the Douglas B-18B, one of only 16 Grumman OA-14's in the USAAF, a Piper L-4A and a Cessna C-78 "Bobcat." These aircraft remained on strength with the Group through the end of its existence, although the OA-14 was transferred out by the end of February 1944 and replaced by another C-78.

By March 20th, the VI Fighter Command had moved to another base and on May 27th, the Antilles Air Task Force was assigned jurisdiction over the base. Later, in June, the 24th Service Group and the 33rd Service Squadron moved to another base. The Antilles Air Task Force was redesignated Antilles Air Command on June 1, 1943.

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