

315th FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

The unit's primary mission is to support the Port Mortuary operation at Dover AFB, Del., working with the full-time mortuary staff to assist in the preparation and return of deceased military members to their next of kin. In addition, the unit trains for and supports fixed facilities for dining, lodging and fitness facilities or in the field and at deployed locations to set up and operate tent cities, food service, fitness, and wartime mortuary operations.

The unit trains its personnel and maintains readiness to provide backfill support at the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Del. to assist with the processing of deceased military personnel. In addition, the unit provides backfill support in Services facilities while performing man-days, deployments for training and UTAs, serving at Charleston AFB, S.C. and at other bases when tasked.

Unit size: 3 officers, 27 enlisted and 1 civilian

LINEAGE

315th Food Service Squadron constituted, 23 May 1952

Activated, 10 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 18 Jan 1955

315th Services Squadron constituted, 22 Jul 1971

Activated, 31 Jul 1971

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1972

315th Food Service Squadron and 315th Services Squadron consolidated, 10 Oct 1984.

Consolidated unit designated 315th Services Squadron

Redesignated 315th Services Flight, 4 Sep 2002

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 2002

Redesignated 315th Force Support Squadron, 1 Dec 2010

STATIONS

Brady Field, Japan, 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955

Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 31 Jul 1971-31 Mar 1972

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Oct 2002

ASSIGNMENTS

315th Air Base Group, 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955

315th Combat Support Group, 31 Jul 1971-31 Mar 1972

315th Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

COMMANDERS

LTC Connie Alge

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Service

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

Commando Hunt VI

Commando Hunt VII

Vietnam Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

31 Jul 1971-31 Mar 1972

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Aug 2005-31 Jul 2007

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

[10 Jun 1952]-27 Jul 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

[31 Jul 1971]-31 Mar 1972

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Fifteen Services members (50% of the unit) provided an equivalent of 3 years (1,105 days) of support to the Port Mortuary, Dover AFB, Del., while performing man-days, annual tours, and required training. Two members provided 136 man-days of support in response to a new joint service tasking at the Army's Joint Personal Effects Depot at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. This tasking is an extension of the some of duties performed at the Port Mortuary. A new initiative of the 315 SVF, in collaboration with the 437th Services Squadron, is the implementation of the Mortuary Affairs Emergency Response Team; this team will provide processing assistance when human remains being returned from overseas are diverted through Charleston AFB.

Additionally, seven members provided backfill support totaling 620 man-days to active duty Services Squadrons at Charleston AFB and Robins AFB, Ga. during the year. Six individuals performed their annual tour at Elmendorf AFB, Ala., providing backfill support in their Services facilities.

In April, Services joined with the 315th Civil Engineer Squadron to perform a bivouac at North Auxiliary Field. The 12 Services members provided two hot meals over the weekend to 250 participants using an electrified mobile kitchen trailer.

Services members also provided support to the larger Air Force mission as augmentees: three members served with the 437th Security Force Squadron for a total of 729 man-days, and three members served with the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations for a total of 802 man-days.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.