

# **451<sup>st</sup> EXPEDITIONARY LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

451 Sub Depot, Class I constituted, 8 Nov 1943

Activated, 1 Dec 1943

Redesignated 451<sup>st</sup> Sub Depot, Class I, Special, 17 Jul 1944

Disbanded, 15 Apr 1945

Reconstituted, converted to provisional status and redesignated 451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, 17 Jul 2006

### **STATIONS**

Snetterton Heath Norfolk, England, 1 Dec 1943-15 Apr 1945

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Eighth Air Force, 1 Dec 1943-15 Apr 1945

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 17 Jul 2006

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

None

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

#### **Decorations**

None

#### **EMBLEM**

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, NATO's busiest airfield in that nation, now has an expanded aerial port, according to a release by the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing there. "In a lot of ways, we were limited by our surroundings. This new ramp will make us ready for whatever the mission demands," said Lt. Col. Joseph Browning, commander of the base's 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. He added, "Our airmen are top notch and are able to handle a lot of passengers and cargo." The expansion features more than 15,000 square meters of additional space for the staging of outbound and inbound aerial cargo, according to the wing's May 22 release. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers improved the airfield's safety and security with enhanced lighting and airfield fencing. 2012

Getting Bigger So Everyone Else Can Get Smaller Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan—The 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's aerial port here moved 168,000 short tons of cargo last year—that's 23,000 more short tons than airmen handled at Ramstein AB, Germany; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Dover AFB, Del., combined over that period, said Capt. Christopher Kaighen, aerial port flight commander here. The vast majority of that cargo was dedicated to supporting troops still engaged in the fight. Now, with the US military's massive logistical drawdown looming right around the corner, the 451st ELRS is getting ready to grow. "I've got to get bigger so everyone else can get smaller," said 451st ELRS Commander Lt. Col. Paul Cornwell. In about a month, the squadron will essentially double in size as 110 more personnel are assigned to it. "They understand the surge requirement that's going to arrive," said Cornwell. He added, that the squadron "is scheduled to stay here through 2015 to get all this retrograde [equipment] and all this redeployment out." After 2015, Cornwell said, the Air Force will downsize the squadron to a flight. 2013

The 451st Expeditionary Group at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, inactivated two squadrons as part of its transition from a large unit involved in combat operations to a smaller organization supporting the mission of training, assisting, and advising Afghan forces, according to a unit release. The 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron stood down in ceremonies on May 3. "On this date in 2002, we established the 451st AEG to control the air over southern Afghanistan," said Col. Rhude Cherry, 451st AEG commander, on May 3. "Over the course of time, we expanded to become a wing, and then last year back to being a group," he added in the May 21 release. The group's

maintenance role now resides with the 62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, which operates MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft. The group's logistics tasks realigned under the 451st Expeditionary Support Squadron, states the release. 2015

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