

2253 AIR BASE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATION

Greater Pittsburgh Airport, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Fancher, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In 1941, a farm specializing in growing wheat and corn was chosen to become the future site of the 911th Airlift Wing. At the request of the United States government, the Allegheny County Commissioners studied the Bell Farm as a location for a defense base. The farm area was located approximately two miles from today's Pittsburgh International Airport.

Construction began in April 1942 on the site for an Air Defense Unit. Of the more than 100 acres, about 96 acres were leased by the county to the military. The Air Force Reserve retains most of the property today. Units operating the base from 1945-1957 were the 444th Air Base Unit, the 2239th Air Force Reserve Training Center, the 71st Fighter Interceptor Group, the 81st Fighter Interceptor Group and the 2253rd Air Base Group.

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