

# 7<sup>th</sup> MOBILE AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

7<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Mobile Aerial Port Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Tachikawa AB, Japan  
Kunsan AB, South Korea, 30 Jun 1971-1 Nov 1973  
McChord AFB, WA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Jan-Jun 1961  
May 1963-Mar 1964  
Jan 1965-Dec 1966  
Jun 1967-Jun 1968

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Newly established aerial port detachments operated in early 1962 at Tan Son Nhut, Da Nang, and Pleiku, manned with personnel from the Japan-based 7th Aerial Port Squadron. Elsewhere in Vietnam, cargo handling depended largely on the resourcefulness and energy of the aircrew and local personnel. A team of senior PACAF officers determined in April that at many sites supplies were "constantly being misplaced or lost." At Nha Trang, for example, an Air Force communication team commander felt obliged to meet every incoming aircraft to assure that his supplies reached him

Three port detachments were added during the spring; two in Thailand and one at Nha Trang. At the six ports, operations were hampered by equipment and facility limitations. Critical shortages "affecting the mission" were listed and the assets of the entire theater screened. Forklifts, used for moving and hoisting loads into the rear doorway of the C-123s, frequently broke down under heavy usage; repairs usually depended on the resourcefulness of inadequately trained mechanics at the scene. Aircrews often complained of errors in the weight of cargo shown on loading documents, a potential cause for major accidents.

Det 1 Naha, Japan

Det 6 Itazuke, Japan

Det 7 Kunsan, South Korea

Det 14 Kimpo, South Korea

Det 27 Misawa, Japan

Det 55 Osan AB, South Korea



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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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