

7266 SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Izmir, Turkey, 1 Nov 1955-6 Jul 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On 15 November 1955, the 7266th Support Squadron was activated in Izmir, Turkey's largest Aegean port, to support the two NATO headquarters LANDSOUTHEAST and SIXATAF. Prior to this date, support for these headquarters had come from the US Sixth Fleet. On 1 July 1959, most of the 7266th moved to Cigli Air Base on the northern outskirts of Izmir where it later merged with USAFE's 7231st Technical Training Group to become the 7231st Combat Support Group on 5 July 1962. On 1 April 1966, this unit became the 41st Tactical Group. When the US facilities at Cigli were turned over to TAF as part of the REDCOSTE program on 1 July 1970, the 41st Tactical Group was inactivated. The 41st Combat Support Squadron which had also been at Cigli was then

renamed the 7241st Support Squadron and moved to Izmir. In 1970 this unit was briefly removed from the command of HQ TUSLOG and assigned to the 39th Tactical Group. Later in the same year it was assigned directly to Sixteenth Air Force before being reassigned in December 1971 to HQ TUSLOG. On 1 January 1973, the 7241st became an air base squadron and in August 1980 was raised to an air base group. The 7241 ABG is the only US military unit in Turkey not located at a single site, but is scattered about Izmir in Various buildings. It is commanded by a colonel. In 1969 Incirlik Air Base was renamed Incirlik Common Defense Installation and in 1980 Incirlik Installation.

The unit was activated in Izmir as the 7266th Support Squadron Nov. 15, 1955, to support Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe and Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force. Prior to this, support for these NATO headquarters came from the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

July 1, 1959, most of the 7266th moved to Cigli Air Base, 15 miles north of Izmir, where, July 5, 1962, it merged with U.S. Air Forces in Europe's 7231st Combat Support Group. April 1, 1966, the 7231st CSG became the 41st Tactical Group.

U.S. facilities at Cigli AB were turned over to the Turkish Air Force July 1, 1970. At that time the 41st TG was inactivated and the 41st Combat Support Squadron at Cigli was renamed the 7241st Support Squadron and moved into downtown Izmir.

In 1970, the unit was briefly moved from Headquarters Turkey and U.S. Logistics Group (TUSLOG) and assigned to the 39th Tactical Group, Incirlik AB, and later that year to 16th Air Force before returning to Headquarters TUSLOG again in December 1971

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