

# SAN ANTONIO AIR LOGISTICS CENTER



## LINEAGE

Aviation Section Signal Corps Depot established July 1914  
Redesignated Aviation General Supply Depot, October 1917  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Intermediate Depot, March 1921  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Depot, 22 June 1927  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Depot Control Area Command, 1 February 1943  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Service Command, 17 May 1943  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Technical Service Command, 14 November 1944  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Materiel Area, 2 July 1946  
Redesignated San Antonio Air Logistics Center

## STATIONS

Kelly AFB, TX

## ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Maj George H. Brett, 19 Dec 1918  
Maj William H. Garrison, Jr. 21 Feb 1919  
Maj Frank D. Lackland, 24 Jul 1922  
Maj J. H. Pirie, 2 Jul 1926  
LTC James A. Mars, 2 Jun 1927  
Maj Augustine W. Robins, 12 Jul 1929  
LTC A. G. Fisher, 3 Nov 1931  
Col John H. Howard, 15 Jun 1934  
LTC Henry J. F. Miller, 8 Jul 1937  
LTC Clements McMullen, 10 Mar 1941

Col Delmar H. Dunston, 12 Jan 1942  
BG Paul C. Wilkins, 8 Jun 1942  
BG Arthur W. Vanaman, 10 Jan 1944  
BG Paul C. Wilkins, 25 Mar 1944  
BG Arthur W. Vanaman, 2 Apr 1944  
Col Thomas H. Chapman, 22 May 1944  
BG Morris Berman, 3 Jul 1944  
Col John S. Laird, Jr., 19 Nov 1944  
BG George H. Beverely, 10 Apr 1945  
BG Robert K. Taylor, 3 Aug 1947  
MG James S. Stowell, 6 Jan 1948  
MG Clements McMullen, 22 Oct 1948  
MG Thetus C. Odom, 1 Mar 1954  
BG Lewis Mundell, 3 Jan 1959  
BG Dor E. Newton, Jr., 20 Aug 1960 (Acting)  
MG William T. Hudnell, 30 Aug 1960  
Col Conrad J. Herlick, 1 Jun 1965 (Acting)  
MG Frank E. Rouse, 15 Jul 1965  
MG William H. Reddell, 1 Apr 1969  
MG William A. Jack, 1 Aug 1972  
MG John R. Kelly, Jr., 1 Aug 1974  
MG Lynwood E. Clark, 1 Jul 1977  
MG Earl T. O'Loughlin, 17 Mar 1981  
MG Waymond C. Nutt, 8 Jun 1982  
MG Lewis G. Curtis, 26 Sep 1985  
MG Richard D. Smith, 1 Jul 1989  
MG Lewis E. Curtis, III, 27 Mar 1992 *July 1992*  
MG James S. Childress, 7 Dec 1995 *Jan 1996*  
MG Paul L. Bielowicz, 14 Aug 1998  
BG Robert M. Murdock, 24 Jul 2000

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The mission of the San Antonio Air Materiel Area is to provide logistic and administrative support to the United States Air Force and designated Department of Defense activities. This involves planning, buying, storing, transporting, and repairing assigned equipment to keep scattered Air Force units combat-ready.

SAAMA performs this mission, on a worldwide basis, for selected Air Force equipment, and provides technical assistance within its geographical area. Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana west of the Mississippi River comprise the San Antonio Air Materiel Area, SAAMA's primary responsibility is procurement-to-disposal management of the T-29, T-34, C-45, C-131, F-102, F-106, B-58 and B-70 weapon systems, approximately half of the propulsion systems used by the Air Force, and 270,000 separate stock items including atomic ordnance training weapons and applicable test and handling equipment.

In addition, SAAMA is responsible for modernizing and overhauling specific items within its industrial shops. These include B-52 and B-58 bombers, R-4360, T34 and T56 aircraft engines, and designated aircraft and engine components.

SAAMA also performs other services on an Air Force or Department of Defense-wide scope. SAAMA is a materiel primary stock point for all military services within Texas and New Mexico and performs the Air Force Medical Assembly Mission worldwide. SAAMA also is the single DOD point for control of bidders on surplus property sales (called the Armed Forces Surplus Property Bidders Registration and Sales Information Office) and operates the Consolidated Surplus Sales Office for Area 8, which is I of 25 within the DOD. Other responsibilities include writing Air Force procedures for radiological decontamination and contracting for radioactive waste disposal, operating a foreign clearance station, and managing and operating the second largest of the industrially funded Air Force Printing Service Plants.

The Directorate of Materiel Management provides world-wide logistic support management to USAF and Military Aid Program activities for SAAMA assigned Weapon/Support Systems, Major Sub-Systems (engines) and commodities.

Range of logistic support in brief encompasses the determination of requirements; acquisition and distribution of material; furnish engineering services; provide field support and liaison services to using activities; modification and cyclical maintenance of aircraft and commodities.

An end of an era in Kelly's history came on April 1, 1974, when Headquarters AFLC redesignated the materiel areas as air logistics centers. General Jack Catton, AFLC Commander, believed the new name more accurately reflected the increased responsibilities carried out by the centers. After 28 years, the San Antonio Air Materiel Area became the San Antonio Air Logistics Center SA-ALC.

Kelly personnel struggled to adjust to the new command management structure while center leadership sought to redefine and realign the local organization and management framework to

fit the command's. In October 1992, the SA-ALC commander, Major General Lewis E. Curtis III, established a "Business Board" to implement decisions resulting from the strategic planning process. Within a year, the Business Board had evolved into the SA-ALC Corporate Council, a management forum to establish ALC-wide policies, plans, directions, and metrics.

During AFMC's first year, command leaders worked to understand program management under IWSM. By January 1993, center planners had sorted out how SA-ALC's responsibilities fit in with the new concepts. Initially, SA-ALC had three single managers (C-5, mature aircraft, and proven aircraft); three product groups (propulsion, nuclear munitions, and automatic test equipment); four materiel groups (aerospace fuels, aerospace support accessories, ground support equipment, and power systems); and four system support managers (C-17, life support equipment, QF-106 drones, and security systems).

On October 1, 1994, the San Antonio Air Logistics Center gained another product group when the Directorate of Cryptologic Management joined it upon the inactivation of the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center. Each of the integrated weapon system management program managers wrote a concept of operations, identifying the designated acquisition commanders and describing how the various management responsibilities would be handled and who was responsible for them.

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