

2-25 Aviation Regiment History

2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment (Diamond Head) activated as an element of the 25th Infantry Division on 12 August 1963 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Throughout its long and rich history, the unit served with distinction during several combat campaigns and operations other than war including Vietnam in 1969, Somalia, Africa in 1993, and Haiti in 1994.

In its latest chapter, Task Force Diamond Head served in Afghanistan as Joint Task Force Wings at Kandahar Air Field from April 2004 to April 2005. With operational control of eight aviation companies the Task Force flew in excess of 26,000 hours in support of security and stability operations in Regional Command South. Four of Diamond Head's companies operated with Task Force Pirate and were responsible for the aviation support to Regional Command North.

On 15 October 2005, shortly after redeploying from OEF V, 60 Soldiers from the Task Force deployed to Pakistan in support of Earthquake Relief Operations from October to December 2005. The Task Force answered the call to duty and provided aid and disaster relief to millions of Pakistanis with its aviation capabilities. At the same time Task Force Diamond Head underwent its extensive and meticulous Aviation Transformation.

In July 2006, Task Force Diamond Head organized and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08; this time the Task Force included all of its organic units with one Cavalry Troop attached from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, and one Assault Company from 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation regiment of the West Virginia National Guard, located at COB Speicher, Iraq providing general aviation support for Task Force Lightning. Task Force Diamond Head was also charged with the execution of the Lightning Strike Package, vehicular roving patrols, and OH-58D Counter-IED and OCFI support.

Finally, in our most recent chapter, in August 2009 Task Force Diamond Head once again answered the call to duty and deployed in support of the final rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom once again operating out of COB Speicher, Iraq in support of Task Force Marne. The Task Force provided superb aviation support to numerous BCTs, Division, and Corps organizations. The Task Force amassed over 30,000 rotary wing hours and over 5,000 UAS hours in support of combat operations throughout USD-N. As Task Force Diamond Head changes commanders, the Soldiers stand ready to proudly continue their mission and embody the Task Force motto "We Fly For The Troops."

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