

# 80 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



# HILL AIR FORCE BASE IN THE 1940s



**July 1, 1939**

Congress passed the Supplemental Military Appropriation Act of 1940, which allotted \$11.5 million for the development of the Ogden Air Depot, Hill Field.



**January 12, 1940**

Officials from the Ogden Chamber of Commerce, along with leaders from the Works Progress Administration and the nearby Ogden Arsenal, participated in ground-breaking ceremonies for Hill Field.



**Summer 1940**

Many construction projects began on both Hill Field and the Ogden Arsenal, which lasted through 1942.



**November 7, 1940**

Colonel Morris Berman became the first commanding officer of the Ogden Air Depot.



**December 11, 1941**

Four days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. declared war on the Japanese Empire, entering the nation into the Second World War.



**November 1942**

The Ogden Air Depot began its first production lines for modifying and repairing P-39 and P-40 aircraft, shortly followed by a B-17 production line.



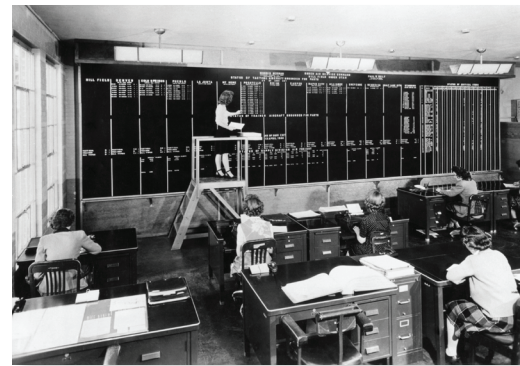
**January 18, 1945**

The B-24 production phased into the P-47 line.



**December 17, 1944**

509th Composite Group began training at Wendover with B-29s.



**April 1944**

The depot's Supply Division used a "Menu Board" during World War II to show the status of aircraft grounded for parts.



**15 July 1943**

The 907th Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) Post Headquarters Company activated at Hill Field.



**February 14, 1943**

Ogden established the first progressive assembly line for B-24s, delivering the first to the Second Air Force on April 2, 1943.



**April 1945**

Ogden Air Depot established a project for reclamation of surplus aircraft.



**July 21, 1945**

Allocation of 400 B-24s and 100 P-47s arrived for storage at Ogden Air Depot.



**August 15, 1945**

Imperial Japan surrendered, ending WWII.



**September 1945**

Ogden had 681 aircraft and gliders of various types, including PT-13s, in storage.

**July 22, 1946**

Depot renamed Ogden Air Materiel Area (OOAMA).

**January 17, 1947**

The last Women's Army Corps officer departed from Hill Field.

**June 1947**

The OOAMA completed production of the P-61 Black Widow under various projects.



**September 18, 1947**

The U.S. Air Force became a separate military service with the implementation of the National Security Act of 1947.

**February 5, 1948**

Hill Field renamed Hill Air Force Base.