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HILL AIR FORCE BASE IN THE 2010s



March 26, 2010

The Ogden Air Logistics Center's (OO-ALC) 309th Maintenance Wing celebrated the completion of the Common Configuration Implementation Program (CCIP) with a rollout ceremony for the last aircraft to receive this upgrade. CCIP improved the F-16's combat effectiveness and made maintenance and logistics support more common between its variants.



July 16, 2010

Assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing since the Vietnam conflict, the 34th Fighter Squadron inactivated as part of the Air Force's move to draw down F-16 forces in preparation for the F-35 spin-up.



March 24, 2011

The 309th Maintenance Wing formally assumed depot-level, airframe maintenance work for the T-38 Talon. The 571st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Randolph AFB, Texas, assumed the workload from Lear Siegler (LSI) contractors.



May 26, 2011

TSgt Kristoffer Solesbee, from the 775th Civil Engineering Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, died as a result of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, while deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.



October 2011

The 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) eliminated the first of the 39 B-52Gs scheduled for destruction to meet New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) requirements.



January 11, 2012

Ogden Air Logistics Center and 309th Maintenance Wing senior leadership held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the second phase of Building 674, the new F-22 heavy maintenance facility and composite back shop. This new facility consolidated all F-22 depot airframe operations spread throughout the base into one facility.



July 2012

Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) restructured its Centers across the command. This included the activation of the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC), the new headquarters of the re-designated Ogden Air Logistics Complex and 75th Air Base Wing, and the inactivation of the 309th Maintenance Wing.



February 2, 2015

With the requirement only discovered a month earlier, two US Marine Corps (USMC) F-35B short take-off and vertical landing (STOVL) aircraft arrived at the OO-ALC for depot-level modifications in order to meet Initial Operational Capability (IOC) timelines. These modifications required 11,899 maintenance hours per aircraft.



May 6, 2014

The OO-ALC's 573rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS) completed the Falcon Star modification on the final F-16 to go through the ten-year program. The Falcon Star modification included replacement and repair of key structural components, extending the flying hour life of the aircraft. 573 AMXS modified 533 F-16s, averaging more than 4,000 hrs per aircraft.



March 25, 2014

The first F-35 Lightning II to receive organic modifications at the OO-ALC departed Hill AFB for Nellis AFB, Nevada, where it underwent additional operational testing. While at the OO-ALC, the aircraft received four structural modifications intended to strengthen the aircraft and extend its service life.



December 2, 2013

The Air Force signed the Record of Decision for the bed-down of the F-35A Lightning II at Hill AFB, subsequently making the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings the first operational F-35A fighter wings in the Air Force.



September 13, 2013

The first F-35A Lightning II fifth generation fighter to land at Hill AFB arrived from the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada, for scheduled post-production modification at the OO-ALC. Officials commemorated the beginning of F-35A depot maintenance with a ceremony a week later.



April 10, 2013

The Air Force declared Full Operating Capability (FOC) on the organic conversion of the F-22 Raptor Avionics Integration Laboratory (RAIL) at Hill AFB. Assigned to the 309th Software Maintenance Group, the F-22 RAIL workload consisted of critical software integration activities for the F-22 Raptor.



April 3, 2015

President Barack Obama visited Hill AFB and announced his new initiative, Solar Ready Vets. This program aimed to employ 75,000 veterans in the solar energy industry from around the country. The installation became the first of four pilot sites to participate.



September 2, 2015

The first two combat coded F-35As (aircraft 5071 and 5072) arrived at Hill AFB, assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing's 34th Fighter Squadron. The 388th Fighter Wing activated its 34th Fighter Squadron on July 17, in preparation to receive the F-35A Lightning II.



December 2, 2016

Air Force and state officials, including Governor Gary Herbert, marked the progress at Falcon Hill National Aerospace Research Park by breaking ground on a 75,000 square-foot office building, the sixth major construction project for the Enhanced Use Lease Program at Hill AFB.



April 13, 2017

The Air Force conducted an airstrike in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, with the largest non-nuclear bomb in its arsenal, the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB), successfully destroying a terrorist tunnel complex. In preparation for the airstrike, the 649th Munitions Squadron completed partial assembly of the munition at Hill AFB.



September 2017

The last operationally assigned F-16 left Hill AFB after a 38-year tenure at the installation. The installation held a 'Viper Out' ceremony to mark the occasion. During the ceremony, officials recognized the accomplishments of the aircraft and the Airmen who flew and supported the weapon system during its tenure at Hill AFB.



August 16, 2018

Team Hill's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Systems directorate observed the 50th Anniversary of the first Minuteman III launch. The ICBM Systems directorate has managed the sustainment of the LGM-30G Minuteman III since the 1960s and leads the development of its replacement, the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD).



April 15, 2019

Members of the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings deployed with the F-35A Lightning II to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, in support of the Air Force Central Command mission in the Middle East. This marked the F-35A's combat debut.