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The 55th Aviation Company(Army) was first activated in March 1951 as the 8085th Flight Detachment at Taegu, Korea. It moved from Taegu to Seoul in June 1951. The 8085th Flight Detachment was redesignated as the Eighth United States Army Aviation Detachment in January 1957. On 24 June 1960, the unit was designated as the 55th Aviation Company (Army) with an authorized strength of 14 officers and 70 enlisted men. The primary mission of the unit was to render general aviation support to Headquarters, United Nations Command, Eighth United States Army, Korea Military Advisory Group, the United States Embassy, and governmental agencies of the Republic of Korea.

During the year 1969, although the mission of the 55th Aviation Company (Army) remained primarily the same as in previous years, the size of the unit and type of equipment used within the unit have changed considerably. The authorized strength was raised to 26 officers, 180 enlisted men and 33 KATUSA personnel. Under the company headquarters are five platoons: Headquarters Platoon, Operations Platoon, Service Platoon, Rotary Wing Flight Platoon, and Fixed Wing Flight Platoon, which provide the organizational structure of the company. Also attached to the company is the 6th Aviation Platoon (Aerial Surveillance). The 55th Aviation Company is located on Yoido Island, approximately 8 miles southwest of Seoul, Korea, bordered on all sides by the Han-River. Past history has reflected numerous complete floodings of the island.