

130th AIRLIFT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

130th Air Resupply Squadron extended federal reorganization, 16 Oct 1955
Redesignated 130th Troop Carrier Squadron, 10 Oct 1958
Redesignated 130th Air Commando Squadron, 1 Jul 1963
Redesignated 130th Special Operations Squadron, 8 Aug 1968
Redesignated 130th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 4 Oct 1975
Redesignated 130th Airlift Squadron, 15 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Kanawha County Airport, WV
Charleston, WV

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

C-45, 1955-1960
C-46D, 1955-1958
SA-16A, 1956-1963
C-47, 1963-1967
C-119C, 1963 **1962**
C-119G
C-119L
U-10B, 1963-1974
U-6B, 1965-1967
U-10D, 1967
C-54, 1967-1971
C-130E, 1975
C-130H, 1986

Support Aircraft

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

SA-16A
50-176

51-069
51-5281

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

LTC Seaborn W. Chavers Jr.
LTC Toney L. Bumgarner
LTC Johnny M. Ryan, Jr
LTC Charles B. Rawson
LTC Jimmie W. Crider

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a black disc bordered in yellow a white "Pugnacious Hare" outlined in black, wearing white boxing gloves marked with black and a red turtle-necked jersey with yellow band at neck and waist, standing in a fighting stance on a red aerial bomb bordered in yellow and white speed flashes and red and black fins. (Approved, 29 Apr 1942)

On an Air Force blue disc bordered Air Force golden yellow, the top of a medium blue globe issuing from base, grid lines Air Force blue; over all an American bald eagle in flight, natural colors (brown, with white head and tail feathers, beak, talons and highlights Air Force golden yellow), grasping with his talons the tops of two open Air Force golden yellow parachutes, one supporting cargo (an Air Force blue disc, charged with a medium blue cross), the other supporting a man in silhouette, Air Force blue; the parachute cords white against the sky. Air Force blue against the globe; all between two white cloud formations, one in dexter, one issuing from sinister. (Approved, 9 Jul 1959)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

On a background of night sky, within a golden yellow border (representing day), the eagle in flight supporting the parachutes, symbolizes our squadron carrying out its primary mission by night or day. The clouds and globe indicate this squadron operates in any kind of weather and is ready to deliver men and cargo anywhere in the world as required. The emblem reflects the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow, to indicate this is an Air Force unit.

MOTTO

AD PROCEDIENDUM PARATI—Ready to Go.

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

When in 1955 the West Virginia ANG was authorized to organize a new squadron to replace its 167th FIS at Kanawha County Airport, the new unit was given the numerical designation of the 130th SRS (Medium), an ANG-manned unit which had been activated during the Korean War in August 1951 and had been assigned to the 111th SRW to serve alongside a Pennsylvania ANG squadron, the 103rd. The 130th SRS was inactivated on 1 January 1953 and the PA ANG unit was returned to state control.

With this move came the opportunity to expand the West Virginia Air National Guard, In October 1955, the 130th Troop Carrier Squadron was formed at Kanawha Airport, comprised primarily of former members of the 167. Their HU-16 and C-46 were used primarily for Air Commando missions.

3 April 1955 The 129th Air Resupply Squadron (ARS) was extended federal recognition in California and equipped with C-46D. It was one of four new ANG units tasked with secret special operations missions formed that year at the request of the Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency. The others were the: 130th ARS, West Virginia; 135th ARS, Maryland; and the 143rd ARS, Rhode Island. The creation of those units marked the debut of the special operations mission in the Air Guard.

If organizational titles were fluid, the arrival of additional types of aircraft also added versatility to the Air Guard's special operations capabilities. Both the California and West Virginia units received the big C-119 Flying Boxcars to replace their C-46s. In the absence of active duty special operations forces in the late 1950s, all USAF expertise in this field clearly belonged to the Guard. It was a reality that provided the West Virginia's 130th an unusual opportunity throughout 1960–61.

During these two years, the West Virginians were tasked through Tactical Air Command to assist in the training of USAF's highly classified Jungle Jim program, the active duty precursor to the 1st Air Commando Wing and Special Air Warfare Center (SAWC) at Eglin AFB, Florida. It was quite a turnaround for the Guard, which normally found itself downstream of Air Force priorities for equipment and training.

In the spring of 1964, all four Air Commando Groups came together for a rare opportunity to train during Operation Sidewinder. The training site itself was appropriate in that Marana Air Park, located 20 miles northwest of Tucson, Arizona, was home to a number of USI proprietary airlines, as well as other unrelated federal departments. While little was said directly to the guardsmen, the presence of civilian strangers observing their mission briefings and flight performance made it clear their proficiency was being monitored. It was also at Marana that the Guard was introduced to the latest evolution in air-to-ground recovery systems, a weird-looking setup patriotically called the "All-American System."

Aug 1990: Volunteers began flying Desert Shield support missions. Headed volunteer package 1630th TAS(P) during Desert Shield. Based at Al Ain Air Base, UAE the 1630 flew missions to every country in the Southwest Asia AOR.

5 Oct 1990: Called to active duty as part of the Desert Shield call-up. Members of the 130th Tactical Airlift Sq, and 130th Maint. Sq were activated by Presidential Order and joined other members of the 1630th TAS(P) already in place for Desert Shield.

In August and September 1990, the 130th TAG commanded a "volunteer" package of 16 C-130's and support personnel from WV, TN, TX, MO and DE ANG units in support of Operation Desert Shield. October 1990 saw the Presidential Call of selected members from the 130th TAG combining with the 136th TAW, TX ANG to form the functional staff of the 1630 Tactical Airlift Squadron (Provisional) at Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. In December 1990, the 130 Tactical Clinic and the 130 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron had selective members activated. They deployed to Bicester, UK and Dover AFB, DE respectively, subsequent to Desert Storm. All members were deactivated by June 1991. The members of the group located in the United Arab Emirates received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor. The 167 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was also deployed for 8 months to Saudia Arabia and Germany to support peacekeeping missions.

April 1991 - Unit returned home

26 May 1991: Released from active duty after taking part in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

April 1992 - Some unit members and aircraft deployed to Rhine Maim AB, Germany in support of the Bosnian Airlift called "Provide Promise". The 130th has deployed several times since this date for "Provide Promise", the latest being 21 Sept 98 to 29 Oct 98.

Aug 1993 - One aircraft and 2 crews were sent to Operation "Support Hope" for 30 days in Rwanda, Africa.

Jan - Mar 1996 - Unit deployed 2 aircraft, 6 crews and maintaince support to Daharan, S.A. in support of "Southern Watch"

Apr - Jun 1998 - "Southern Watch" again this time at Prince Sultan AB, S.A.

431015	B-24D	41-23799	29BS			KCR	Ackeberg, Lester R	Cocos Is
450521	B-24L	44-1641	29BS			LAS	Haugen, Carl P	San Cristobal Island
500630	B-50A	46-0009	29BS	2BG	Chatham AB, GA	KBOF	Willingham, Harry E. Jr	MacDill AFB

420315	B-18A	37-598	29BS	40BG	Borinquen Field, PR	FLEF	Simons, William J	5 mi SW of Losey Field, PR
420820	A-17	35-138	29BS	40BG	Howard Field, CZ	LACGL	Sullivan, Charles E Jr	Guatemala City, Guatemala
421002	L-4A	42-36724	29BS	40BG	Aquadulce, PAN	LAC	Mason, Sheldon L	Aquadulce Aux Fld, PAN
421022	A-17	35-85	29BS	40BG	Aguadulce, PAN	TOAMF	Pennypacker, John E	Aguadolce, PAN
421106	A-17	35-138	29BS	40BG	Aguadulce, PAN	TAC	Simpson, John R	Howard Field, CZ



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