

## 182<sup>nd</sup> AIRLIFT WING



### **LINEAGE**

182<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1962  
Redesignated 182<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Air Support Group, May 1969  
Redesignated 182<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group  
Redesignated 182<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing

### **STATIONS**

Peoria, IL

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

##### **Mission Aircraft**

F-84F  
U-3  
O-2A/B, 1971  
C-130

##### **Support Aircraft**

T-33  
VC-47  
U-3  
C-131E  
T-29  
C-26A

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Harold C. Norman 1962-1975  
Col George H. Mason 1975-1975  
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Col Roland E. Ballow 28 Feb 1977  
Col Kenneth D. Peterson 1983-1989  
Col Frank D. Rezac 1989-1994  
Col Alan L. Paige 1994-1998  
Col Barry W. Beard 1998-2004  
Col William P. Robertson, August 7, 2004

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
August 1, 2003-July 31, 2005

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

In 1962 the 182d Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) was formed and assumed control of the redesignated 169th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS).

In May of 1969, the 182d TFG was redesignated as the 182d Tactical Air Support Group (TASG). In January of 1970, the wing received its first O-2A Skymaster aircraft. Members of the 182d TASG provided relief assistance during state active duty for the Canton tornado disaster in July of 1975.

In 1976, the 182d TASG was awarded its first Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the group converted to the OA-37 Dragonfly in 1979. The 182d TASG received an "Excellent" rating on its first Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) under the 12th Air Force, and the group was awarded its second Air Force Outstanding Unit award in 1985. In 1987, construction began on the new base facilities, which were formally dedicated in December, 1990. In January of 1991, 138 personnel were called to active duty for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

In July of 1992, the wing converted to the F-16 and was redesignated the 182d Fighter Group (FG). In June of 1993, members served on state active duty in response to the Mississippi River flooding of southern Illinois. Due to government budget constraints and military restructuring projects, the 182d FG converted to the C-130E and was redesignated the 182d Airlift Wing (AW) effective October 1, 1995. In 1996, the wing began participation in ongoing flying missions for Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

After the 9-11 terrorist attacks, members of the wing were called up to support the Air Force at various locations around the world. During a September 2002 deployment to Oman, wing aircraft flew combat supply missions into Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. On March 29, 2003, SSgt Jacob Frazier of the 169th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) was killed in action while serving with Army Special Forces in Afghanistan. He was the first member of the wing to die in combat.

In March of 2003, immediately following mobilization, six aircraft and over 350 personnel were deployed to Minhad, United Arab Emirates, for Operation Iraqi Freedom. These airmen returned in August after providing airlift support throughout the theater. Since that mobilization, smaller numbers of wing personnel and aircraft have continually supported Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. On December 28, 2003, a wing crew delivered earthquake relief supplies to Iran, becoming the first US aircraft to land there since 1981.

2005 3 Sep On this date, 113 Air Guard Security Forces personnel from New Jersey, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Tennessee, West Virginia, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and Oregon deployed to NAS New Orleans. Twelve Security Forces personnel from the 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois ANG, deployed to Mississippi. Thirty seven ANG Services personnel deployed to Gulfport CRTC.

Air National Guard C-130s rotated to the Aviation Detachment at Powidz AB, Poland, for the first time to begin exercises with the Polish air force this month, according to an Air Force release. Three C-130Hs from the Illinois ANG's 182nd Airlift Wing based in Peoria along with some 50 pilots, maintainers, and support personnel, deployed to Poland on Oct. 10, wing spokesman TSgt. Todd Pendleton told Air Force Magazine. Until now, C-130Js from Ramstein AB, Germany, have supported the bulk of AvDet airlift rotations. "As Poland's state partner, the Illinois ANG airmen continue to deepen established relationships and build partner capacity between US and Polish forces," said Lt. Col. Jack Harman, commander of the 52nd Operations Group Det. 1, which oversees the AvDet. "NATO's interoperability is key to the strength of the Alliance," he said. Illinois C-130s will wrap-up their three-week rotation to Powidz on Nov. 1, said Pendleton.2014

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