

442 OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

442 Troop Carrier Group established, 25 May 1943
Activated, 1 Sep 1943
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 442 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 10 May 1949
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to Active Service, 10 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 12 Mar 1951
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959
Redesignated 442 Tactical Fighter Group, 28 Dec 1981
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1982
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1984
Redesignated 442 Operations Group and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

STATIONS

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Sep 1943
Alliance AAFld, NE, 16 Dec 1943
Pope Field, NC, 26 Jan 1944
Baer Field, IN, 2-11 Mar 1944
Fulbeck, England, c. 29 Mar 1944
Weston Zoyland, England, 12 Jun 1944
Peray (Bonnetable), France, 5 Oct 1944
St Andre-de-L'Eure, France, 7 Nov 1944
Munich-Reim (later, USAF Sta, Munich/Reim; USAF Sta, Munich; Munich AAB), Germany, 4 Oct 1945-30 Sep 1946

Fairfax Field, KS, 27 Jun 1949
Olathe NAS, KS, 27 May 1950-12 Mar 1951
Olathe NAS, KS, 15 Jun 1952
Grandview (later, Richards-Gebaur) AFB, MO, 3 Apr 1955-14 Apr 1959
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Oct 1982-1 Feb 1984
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Aug 1992
Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

61 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Sep 1943
I Troop Carrier Command, 17 Dec 1943
60 Troop Carrier Wing, 26 Jan 1944
Ninth Air Force, c. 29 Mar 1944
IX Troop Carrier Command, 31 Mar 1944
50 Troop Carrier Wing, Apr 1944
IX Air Force Service Command, 20 May 1945
302 Transport Wing, 11 Aug 1945
51 Troop Carrier Wing (known in ETO as European Air Transport Service [Provisional]), 1 Oct 1945-30 Sep 1946
442 Troop Carrier Wing, 27 Jun 1949-12 Mar 1951
442 Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959
434 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1982-1 Feb 1984
442 Fighter Wing, 1 Aug 1992

ATTACHMENTS

52 Troop Carrier Wing, 12 May-6 Jun 1944 and 1-11 Sep 1944
53 Troop Carrier Wing, 11-26 Sep 1944
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, 20 May-10 Aug 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943-1946
C-53, 1943, 1944, 1945
CG-4 (glider), 1944-1945
C-109, 1945
L-4, 1945
L-3, 1945
CG-15 (glider), 1945
T-6, 1949-1950
T-7, 1949-1951
T-11, 1949-1951
C-47, 1949-1950
C/TC-46, 1949, 1950-1951
C-46, 1952-1957
C-119, 1957-1959

A-10, 1982-1984

A-10, 1992

COMMANDERS

Col Charles M. Smith, 1 Sep 1943

Col John C. Kilborn, 25 Sep 1945

Lt Col Paul A. Jones, 4 Oct 1945

Lt Col Bertram C. Harrison, Jun-30 Sep 1946

Col Lyman H. Goff Jr., 27 Jun 1949-30 Sep 1950 (permanent) and 1 Oct 1950-12 Mar 1951
(additional duty)

Unkn, 15 Jun 1952-1954

Col Virgil A. Dinneen, by Dec 1954-unkn

Lt Col Robert A. McIntosh, 1 Oct 1982-1 Feb 1984

Lt Col Charles E. Stenner Jr., 1 Aug 1992

Lt Col Roger G. Disrud, 15 Nov 1992

Lt Col George D. Burgess, 4 Mar 1999

Lt Col Jeffrey L. Waller, 18 Aug 1999

Col Phillip D. Poland, 8 Aug 2000

Col Tony Johnson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Normandy

Rome-Arno

Southern France

Northern France

Rhineland, Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

France, [6-7] Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1997-31 Aug 1999

1 Mar 2003-28 Feb 2005

1 Mar 2005-28 Feb 2007

EMBLEM

Group will use the Wing emblem with the Group designation in the scroll.

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OPERATIONS

Trained in the United States with C-47 and C-53 aircraft, then moved to England in Mar 1944 for duty with Ninth AF. Flew first combat missions during the Allied invasion of Normandy, dropping paratroops near Ste-Mere-Eglise on 6 Jun 1944 and flying a resupply mission on 7 Jun. Awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for its part in the Normandy invasion. Hauled freight and evacuated casualties during the remainder of the summer. In Jul, however, a detachment flew to Italy where it transported cargo, evacuated casualties, and took part in the invasion of southern France on 15 Aug by dropping paratroops in the battle area and releasing gliders carrying reinforcements. The detachment returned to England in late Aug, and in Sep the group participated in the airborne attack in Holland, transporting paratroops and towing gliders with reinforcements. Moving to the Continent in Oct 1944, the group flew resupply missions, hauled freight, and evacuated casualties in support of the Allied effort to breach the Siegfried Line. While continuing its transport duties until V-E Day, it also released gliders filled with troops in the airborne assault across the Rhine River in Mar 1945, carried supplies to ground forces in Germany during Apr and May, and evacuated liberated prisoners of war. The group flew air transport missions throughout Europe and the Middle East until inactivated. Trained in the Reserve as a troop carrier group, Jun 1949-Mar 1951. Ordered to active service on 10 Mar 1951, the group inactivated two days later, its personnel being distributed to other USAF organizations. Served as a Reserve troop carrier group again from Jun 1952 to Apr 1959. Activated as an A-10 fighter group in Oct 1982. Trained for such missions as close air support, anti-armor operations, battlefield interdiction, and combat search and rescue. On a recurring basis beginning in Dec 1993, deployed personnel and aircraft to Aviano AB, Italy, to participate in operations over Bosnia. Deployed aircraft and personnel to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch, Sep-Oct 1998. Trained to maintain combat readiness for worldwide deployment of A-10 aircraft and aircrews, 2000-.

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