

932 AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

The mission of the 932 Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, assigned as a tenant unit at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is to provide first-class, worldwide, safe, and reliable airlift for distinguished visitors and their staffs. It equips, trains, and organizes a ready force of citizen airmen to support and maintain all facets of air base operations involving infrastructure and security. The wing also provides worldwide medical services to the warfighter from the front line to Continental United States fixed medical treatment facilities.

The wing headquarters has four groups assigned. The groups are the 932 Operations Group, Medical Group, Maintenance Group, and the Mission Support Group. The elements of the wing headquarters include the command chief master sergeant, financial management, chaplain, historian, wing plans, performance planning, safety, military equal opportunity, and judge advocate offices.

The wing is composed primarily of residents from the greater St. Louis area and more than 27 states. There are reservists in the wing that travel from as far away as New York, Texas, and Arizona. Personnel train one weekend each month and perform an annual 2-week tour as a unit or individually throughout the year.

LINEAGE

932 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, established and activated, 15 Jan 1963
Organized in the Reserve, 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 932 Military Airlift Group, 1 Apr 1967
Redesignated 932 Aeromedical Airlift Group (Associate), 25 Jul 1969
Redesignated 932 Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Scott AFB, IL, 11 Feb 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Air Command, 15 Jan 1963
434 Troop Carrier Wing, 11 Feb 1963
442 Military Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1966
514 Military Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1969
Central Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jan 1972
Fourteenth Air Force, 8 Oct 1976
446 Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1992
Fourth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-119, 1963-1967
C-124, 1967-1969
C-9, 1969

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Philip G. Kuhn, 11 Feb 1963
Lt Col Leonard F. Deist, 8 Oct 1963 (temporary)
Col Allen A. Beaumont, 8 Dec 1963
Col Leonard F. Deist, 26 Sep 1971 (temporary)
Col Allen A. Beaumont, Nov 1971
Lt Col Howard Trimpe, 12 Dec 1971 (temporary)
Lt Col James E. McAdoo, 28 May 1972
Lt Col Irving D. Richardson, 18 Jun 1973
Col Jackie L. Van Hoorebeke, 4 Dec 1974
Lt Col James C. Ranson, 23 Jul 1979 (temporary)
Col Earl E. Fairchild Jr., 7 Sep 1979
Col David J. Stanley, 12 Aug 1988
Col Edward A. Stickler, 1 Dec 1990
Col Gerald P. Fitzgerald, 5 Feb 1995
Col Alan M. Mitchell, 15 Apr 1996
Col James T. Rubeor, 11 Mar 1998
Col Donald E. Fletcher
Col Maryanne Miller, Jan 2008
Col John C. Flournoy, Jr.
Col Glenn Collins, 1 May 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

20 Aug 1969-30 Jun 1971

1 Jan 1972-31 Mar 1973

24 Jul 1975-23 Jul 1977

29 Sep 1980-30 Jun 1982

1 Jul 1986-31 Jul 1988

1 Jan 1993-1 Aug 1994

1 Sep 2005-30 Sep 2006.

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

1 Apr 1967-24 Jul 1969

EMBLEM



932 Aeromedical Airlift Group (Associate) emblem: Celeste, an arch arraswise azure and dark blue, enveloping an ellipsoid argent, rimmed and grid lined of the second and charged with a mullet of four points of the third and gules, in chief a stylized aircraft fesswise argent emitting seven vapor trails fesswise to sinister, the lower trail surmounting the top of the arch, or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. SIGNIFICANCE: The emblem is symbolic of the Group, and the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue are used. The color blue alludes to the sky, the primary sphere of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The stylized aircraft, followed by a yellow trail, depicts the flying mission of the unit. The Arch, the symbol of the "Gateway to the West" in St Louis, Missouri, denotes the prime area of responsibility of the unit; Missouri and Illinois, the Home states of most assigned members. The globe, representing the worldwide mission of the gaining command MAC also imparts the purity of ideals in relation to the aeromedical airlift mission. The compass delineates the MAC mission locally as well as to the far reaches of all points of the compass. The emblem also contains the National colors and portrays the inseparability of the 932d and the civilian community, the latter representing the source and relationship of the

citizen-airmen Reservists to the Air Force and the accomplishment of its mission.



932 Aeromedical Airlift Wing emblem: Celeste, an Ellipsoid Argent gridlined and rimmed Sable and charged with a polestar of the second shaded Gules outlined of the third, in chief a stylized aircraft fesswise White emitting six vapor trails Or; all within a diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the disc a White Scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "932D AIRLIFT WING" in Blue letters. **Significance:** Blue and Yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The aircraft above the globe denotes the unit's ability to deliver its mission worldwide at any time. The compass star suggests the Wing's functions within a local community as well as providing support to the nation's defense of peace throughout the world. The star also stands for the citizen airmen reservists and their commitment to serve. (Approved, 18 Aug 1969; modified, 5 Jun 1995)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On 11 February 1963 the 932nd Troop Carrier Group (Medium) was constituted and activated at Scott AFB and assigned to the 434th TCG at Bakalar AFB, Ind. Under the same special order, the 73rd TCS was assigned to the 932nd TCG.

The 932nd TCG continued to fly the C-119. They participated in several operations and exercises in support of the Tactical Air Command, including stateside missions in OPERATION CHRISTMAS STAR. This November 1965 operation involved airlifting holiday gifts for servicemen in Vietnam.

17 Apr 1966 A 932nd Troop Carrier Group C-119 Flying Boxcar crashed at Scott AFB.

On 1 October 1966, the 932nd TCG was released from assignment to the 434th TCW and reassigned to the 442nd Military Airlift Wing at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri, in preparation for heavy cargo operations.

Subsequently, the 932nd TCG was redesignated the 932nd Military Airlift Group on 1 April 1967 and reassigned to the Military Airlift Command. Mission aircraft became the C-124 Globemaster. Aircrews were tasked to fly personnel and equipment over an area ranging from Labrador to the Caribbean, to many bases throughout Europe, to Vietnam.

In mid-1969, a new designation, the 932nd Aeromedical Airlift Group, reflected a new mission. Since that time, the group has augmented the active duty 375th Airlift Wing, flying its C-9A Nightingales (the military version of the DC-9 jetliner), airlifting patients throughout the continental United States.

As an associate group, the 932nd aircrews and medical crews serve alongside their active duty counterparts on aeromedical missions. Most of the missions have integrated crews, part Reserve and part active, while some are entirely Reserve.

In 1975, aircrew members participated in OPERATION HOMECOMING, the project which airlifted former Vietnam prisoners of war to their destinations within the United States.

From August 1981 to August 1984, along with their active duty counterparts, crews airlifted over 500 Vietnam veterans to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to participate in a special head injury study.

In 1987 the 13th Contingency Hospital participated in a real-life emergency crisis when a crippled Trans World Airlines jet made an emergency landing at Scott AFB.

Personnel deployed to Royal Air Force Coningsby, England to support operation REFORGER 88 that tested movement of air evacuation personnel and equipment from continental United States to overseas areas.

In 1989, the aircrews, along with their active duty counterparts, were called upon for OPERATION JUST CAUSE, flying patients stateside.

In December 1990, the first contingent of the 932nd to be mobilized during the Persian Gulf War was the civil engineering squadron's firefighters. The firemen augmented the firehouse at Scott. Three more 932nd units were mobilized the next month--the 52nd Aeromedical Patient Staging Squadron, the 932nd USAF Clinic, and the 13th USAF Contingency Hospital. The 52nd APSS deployed 96 medical personnel to Saudi Arabia; the 13th deployed 164 to Oman; while the rest of the hospitals medical personnel augmented Scott's USAF Medical Center along with the 932nd Clinic.

In February 1991, three more units were called to serve in the war--the 73rd Aeromedical Airlift Squadron, the 73rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and the 932nd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (now 932nd Maintenance Squadron). Their call-up was to help with the anticipated war casualties. Altogether, 81 percent of the 932nd was mobilized for the war.

Twenty-nine percent deployed to the Middle East; 16 percent deployed in continental US hospitals; and 55 percent remained at Scott augmenting the active duty forces. Although members of the group's headquarters staff were not mobilized, except for three reservists from the chaplain's office, they provided day-to-day guidance and support functions.

In the summer of 1993, scores of 932nd AAG personnel volunteered to help provide relief to victims of the Great Mississippi River Flood.

In October 1994, the 932nd Aeromedical Airlift Group became the 932nd Airlift Wing and was aligned directly under 4th Air Force, then at McClellan AFB, California.

In June 1996, Reservists from the 932nd AES and 73rd AS volunteered to fly to Eglin AFB, Fla., where they picked up wounded Air Force personnel from the June 1996 bombing in Dhahrah, Saudi Arabia, that killed 19 servicemen and wounded several hundred others. In September of that same year, 25 medical reservists from the 932nd CH deployed to Honduras for the fourth time in three years to perform physicals and minor medical treatment to Hondurans.

In January 1997, overseas trainers were added to the 932 AW's mission. In June of the same year, the Civil Engineer Squadron rendered aid to flood victims at Grand Forks, N.D.

Five squadrons from the wing participated in AFRC exercise PATRIOT MEDSTAR, in June 1997. The exercise was to test the aeromedical evacuation system.

In November 1998, one med-evac crew from the 932nd was tasked for indirect support of victims of Hurricane Georges. That same month, the new \$2.4 million, 16,800-square foot Medical Training Facility was dedicated.

In January 1999, EOD personnel from the 932nd CES were deployed to St. Louis in anticipation of the visit by Pope John Paul II, and in April 1999, two more EOD people deployed to Washington DC for NATO's 50th Anniversary Summit.

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June 1999, a C-9 Nightingale crew made up of Reserve and active duty personnel took a last minute flight to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to pick up and transport injured military personnel after a traffic accident.

In September 2001, six C-9 Nightingale aircraft with twelve crews made up of Reserve and active duty personnel provided an aeromedical evacuation option for personnel wounded in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon building. Half of the C-9s were flown by Air Force Reserve

pilots from the 73rd Airlift Squadron.

During 2001-2004, a variety of job specialties were activated for the war on terrorism, including all the wing's security forces and many of the medical specialists. Reservists were and are being sent throughout the world to work side by side with active duty and relieve a high operations tempo.

In October 2003, the 932nd Airlift Wing became unit equipped when, by direction of Congress, three C-9A's were retired from active duty and turned over to the wing

In 2005, the 932nd Airlift Wing received three C-9C aircraft to perform distinguished visitor airlift. Two crews from the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron helped in the recovery efforts surrounding Hurricane Katrina. Wing pilots flew supplies where they were needed. In 2005 the 932nd Airlift Wing received its first C-9C aircraft to perform distinguished visitors airlift.

In 2005, the Saint Louis USO gave an award to a member of the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as part of their Salute To Heroes program...for exceptional achievement and extraordinary contribution to the United States Armed Forces. The 2004 Outstanding Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, with C-130 as the primary aircraft, was awarded to the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The 932nd AW received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for "exceptional meritorious service in support of military operations" in 1971, 1973, 1977, 1982, 1988, 1994 and 2002. The 932nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron has been twice named Air Force Reserve Command's Outstanding ASTS Unit, in 1994 and 1996. The 932nd Maintenance Squadron received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1998. Presented the National Safety Council Award of Honor for 1994 and 1995. The Air Mobility Command has presented the wing 17 Flight Safety Awards for accident-free flying. Presented the 15th Air Force Aircrew Excellence Award in 1999 and 2003.

On February 26, 2007, the Illinois Air Force Reserve wing received the first of three C-40C aircraft direct from the assembly line in Seattle. A ceremony was held at the base to celebrate the historical event and welcome the plane.

2/27/2007 - SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFNEWS) -- The Air Force Reserve Command's 932nd Airlift Wing here welcomed a new aircraft into its inventory Feb. 26 with the arrival of its first of three C-40Cs. The wing, the only Air Force Reserve unit in the state of Illinois with a flying mission, will use the aircraft to augment its mission of transporting distinguished visitors. Before Feb. 26, the 932nd AW performed the transcontinental DV transport mission with C-9C aircraft. "The mission of the C-40 is important to the Air Force and the nation," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander. "Its ability to fly missions of 10 or more hours brings a new capability to flying long-distance missions."

The long-distance flights aren't the only bonus of the aircraft, according to the general. "This aircraft has a phenomenal capability and is a dream to fly," he said. "It [will be] a great treat for

the pilots who fly it and the (maintenance Airmen) who will keep it in top shape." The new aircraft is a milestone for the 932nd AW, but its arrival at Scott AFB was an important day for everyone, according to Col. Al Hunt, 375th AW commander, the base's active-duty host unit. The colonel said it took leadership and Airmen at all levels to make this day a reality for the 932nd AW and the joint total force.

"A lot of folks talk the talk, but [Joint Total Force] Scott makes it happen everyday," said Colonel Hunt. "This is just another example of how that (joint total force) partnership will continue." Col. Maryanne Miller, 932nd AW commander, concurred with Colonel Hunt's assessment. "This was a total effort by the 932nd and the 375th crews from the beginning," she said. "Being fully integrated in the DV mission has been and will continue to be the most effective way to provide full support to the customer."

From 1969 to 2003, Airmen in the 932nd and 375th worked side-by-side performing aeromedical evacuation missions aboard the now retired C-9A Nightingale. When the 932nd changed its mission to DV airlift in 2003 with three new C-9C aircraft, the close relationship between the two wings was put on hold. With the C-40C, Air Force Reserve and active-duty crews once again will work together performing the same mission and revitalizing what has always been a close relationship, said Colonel Miller. The 375th AW will have an active associate unit working with the 932nd. This means some of the flight attendants, pilots and crew members on the 932nd AW's aircraft will be active-duty Airmen from the 375th Operations Group.

Together, Airmen from the two wings will support the mission of transporting such dignitaries as the first lady, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, senators, congressmen and other high-ranking government and military officials.

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