

## SPACE BASE DELTA 3



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

61 Transport Group established, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 1 Dec 1940

Redesignated 61 Troop Carrier Group, 4 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945

Activated, 30 Sep 1946

Redesignated 61 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 1 Jul 1948

Redesignated 61 Troop Carrier Group, Heavy, 15 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 8 Oct 1959

Redesignated 61 Military Airlift Group and activated, 1 Dec 1984

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992

Redesignated 61 Air Base Group, 16 Sep 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 61 Mission Support Group, 1 Aug 2006

Redesignated 61 Air Base Group, 30 Jul 2010

Los Angeles Garrison, 13 Aug 2021

Changed status from a unit of United States Air Force to a unit of United States Space Force, 13 Aug 2021

Redesignated Space Base Delta 3, 14 Jul 2022

## **STATIONS**

Olmstead Field, PA, 1 Dec 1940  
Daniel Field, GA, 9 Jul 1941  
Pope Field, NC, 26 May 1942  
Lubbock, TX, 23 Sep 1942  
Pope Field, NC, 26 Feb 1943-4 May 1943  
Lourmel AB, Morocco, 15 May 1943  
Kairouan, Tunisia, 21 Jun 1943  
Licata, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943  
Sicacca, Sicily, 6 Oct 1943  
Barkston Heath, England, 18 Feb 1944  
Abbeville, France, 13 Mar-19 May 1945  
Waller Field, Trinidad, 29 May-31 Jul 1945  
Eschborn AAB, Germany, 30 Sep 1946  
Rhein Main AB, Germany, 11 Feb 1947-21 Jul 1950  
McChord AFB, WA, 26 Jul-5 Dec 1950  
Ashiya AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950  
Tachikawa AB, Japan, 26 Mar-15 Nov 1952  
Larson AFB, WA, 21 Nov 1952  
Donaldson AFB, SC, 25 Aug 1954-8 Oct 1959  
Howard AFB, Panama, 1 Dec 1984-1 Jun 1992  
Los Angeles AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1994

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Unkn, 1 Dec 1940-31 Mar 1942  
50 Transport Wing, 31 Mar 1942  
51 Transport (later, Troop Carrier) Wing, 1 Jun 1942  
52 Troop Carrier Wing, 6 Aug 1942  
50 Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Oct 1942  
53 Troop Carrier Wing, 3 Nov 1942  
52 Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Feb 1943  
Air Transport Command, 7 May 1945  
Caribbean Division, Air Transport Command, 29 May-31 Jul 1945  
51 Troop Carrier Wing (known as European Air Transport Service, Provisional), 30 Sep 1946  
United States Air Forces in Europe, 20 Dec 1947  
61 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1948  
1705<sup>th</sup> Air Transport Wing, 1 Jan 1951  
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1951  
63 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1957-8 Oct 1959  
Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Dec 1984-1 Jun 1992  
Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Oct 1994  
61 Air Base Wing, 1 Aug 2006  
Space and Missile Systems Center (later, Space Systems Command), 30 Jul 2010

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Airlift Task Force, 5-26 Nov 1948  
Airlift Wing [Provisional], 26 Nov 1948-20 Jan 1949  
7497 Airlift Wing, 20 Jan-10 Jul 1949  
Military Air Transport Service, 21-26 Jul 1950  
North Pacific Air Transport Wing, Provisional, 26 Jul-24 Aug 1950  
1705 Air Transport Wing, 24 Aug-10 Dec 1950  
Far East Air Force Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, 10 Dec 1950-1 Jan 1951  
Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command, Provisional, 1-25 Jan 1951  
315 Air Division, 25 Jan-1 Oct 1951  
315 Air Division, 1 Oct-5 Nov 1951  
6122 Air Base Wing, 5 Nov 1951-26 Mar 1952  
374 Troop Carrier Wing, 26 Mar-21 Nov 1952  
62 Troop Carrier Wing, 21 Nov 1952-25 Aug 1954  
63 Troop Carrier Wing, 25 Aug 1954-1 Jul 1957

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47, 1942-1945  
CG-4, 1942-1945  
C-47, 1946-1948  
C-54, 1948-1952  
C-124, 1952-1959  
C-130, 1984-1992  
None, 1994

## **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 1 Dec 1940-31 Jan 1941  
Capt John Waugh, 1 Feb 1941  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Thompson F. Dow, 1 Jul 1941  
Maj Lorin B. Hillsinger, 11 Jul 1941  
Capt John C. Bennett, 26 May 1942  
Maj Ralph J. Moore, by Sep 1942  
Maj Donald French, 6 Mar 1943  
Lt Col Willis W. Mitchell, 11 Mar 1943  
Lt Col Stanley C. Hoyt, c. 6 Oct 1943  
Col Willis W. Mitchell, c. 3 Nov 1943  
Lt Col Stanley C. Hoyt, 25 Nov 1943  
Col Willis W. Mitchell, 11 Jan 1944  
Col Edgar W. Hampton, 12 Apr 1945  
Unkn, Jun-Jul 1945  
Col James L. Daniel Jr., 30 Sep 1946  
Col Walter J. Lee, by 1 Jul 1947  
Lt Col Daniel F. Riva, 1 Jul 1948

Lt Col John C. Evers, 19 Aug 1948  
Col Richard W. DaVania, 28 Aug 1948  
Col Auby C. Strickland, by 5 Aug 1949  
Lt Col Jay D. Bogue, c. 25 Aug 1949  
Col Frank Norwood, 1 Oct 1949  
Lt Col Hal E. Ercanbrack Jr., 14 Feb 1952  
Col Lionel F. Johnson, 29 Jul 1953  
Lt Col Jerome M. Triolo, 7 Feb 1954  
Col Leland W. Johnson, by 1 Nov 1954  
Col William G. Forwood, 13 Dec 1954  
Lt Col Conway S. Hall, by Dec 1958  
Col Marshall H. Strickler, by Jul-8 Oct 1959  
Col Wesley E. Jackey, 1 Dec 1984  
Col Bernard F. Malcuit, 28 Jul 1985  
Col Michael T. Clay, 3 Jun 1988  
Col Frank C. Andreus II, by Nov 1990  
Unkn, Feb-1 Jun 1992  
Col Andrew B. Jasinski, 1 Oct 1994  
Col Gilbert A. Engel Jr., 8 Sep 1995  
Col Dieter V. Barnes, 12 Sep 1997  
Col David E. Price, 18 Jun 1999  
Col Phil W. Parker, 26 Sep 2000  
Col Brian E. Kistner, 27 Sep 2002  
Col Carl E. Brazelton, 11 May 2004  
Col Joseph M. Codispoti, 21 Jul 2004  
Col Nannette Benitez, 29 Jun 2006  
Col Theresa Katein, Jul 2008  
Col Frank W. Simcox, Aug 2010

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II

American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

Berlin  
Berlin Airlift

Korean War  
CCF Intervention  
First UN Counteroffensive  
CCF Spring Offensive  
UN Summer-Fall Offensive  
Second Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

Panama 1989-1990

**Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Sicily, 1-11 Jul 1943  
France, 5-7 Jun 1944  
Korea, 13 Dec 1950-21 Apr 1951

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

2 Mar-31 May 1955  
1 Dec 1984-30 Jun 1986  
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988  
1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989  
30 Sep 1995-31 Dec 1996  
1 Jan-31 Dec 1999  
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004  
1 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2012

**Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation**

1 Jul 1951-15 Nov 1952

**EMBLEM**



Barry of six Or and Azure, a pale nebuly all counterchanged, all within a diminished bordure of the first. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "61ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 field of the shield is equally divided into six horizontal bars plus a single vertical pale to represent the historical numerical designation of the 61st Troop Carrier Group and the 61st Air Base Group. The horizontal bars are symbolic of strength and endurance. The pale, used to represent protection, is formed by two nebular lines drawn from top to bottom of the shield. The nebular lines represent clouds and symbolically portray the mission of the unit. (Approved, 20 Aug 1951)



## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

The 61 Transport Group conducted C-47 paratroop missions and trained in glider towing in United States, 1940-1942. It flew airborne assault and resupply airdrop missions during the invasions of Sicily and Italy in 1943 and transported cargo and personnel throughout the North African and

Mediterranean theaters. The group also flew airborne assault missions during the Normandy invasion and later supported Operation MARKET GARDEN in Holland. In 1945 it participated in the airborne assault across the Rhine.

During the Berlin Airlift from Jun 1948 to May 1949, the group's C-54 ferried coal, flour, and other cargo into Berlin.

It flew airlift missions on the Northern Pacific Route from the United States to Japan in support of United Nations forces in Korea during 1950 before moving to Japan and conducting airlift missions from Japan to Korea, 1950-1952.

Flying C-124, the group carried out worldwide strategic airlift operations, 1952-1959. It flew tactical airlift operations in Central and South America, 1984-1992.

The 61 Air Base Group operated Los Angeles AFB and supported the Space and Missile Systems Center from 1994-2006.

Provided personnel, family support, services, communications, contracting, civil engineering, and security forces services to base organizations and personnel, 2006-.

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Sources

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