

4th AIRLIFT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

4th Provisional Transport Squadron constituted, 1 Mar 1935
Redesignated 4th Transport Squadron, 25 Jun 1935
Activated, 8 Jul 1935
Redesignated 4th Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 13 Dec 1945
Activated, 7 Sep 1946
Redesignated 4th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 23 Jun 1948
Redesignated 4th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 12 Oct 1949
Redesignated 4th Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, 8 Jul 1962
Redesignated 4th Military Airlift Squadron, 8 Jan 1966
Redesignated 4th Airlift Squadron, 1 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Rockwell Field, CA, 8 Jul 1935
Sacramento, CA, 1 Dec 1938
Kellogg Field, MI, 29 May 1942
Florence, SC, 1 Jul–14 Aug 1942
Keevil, England, 25 Sep 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 15 Nov 1942
Casablanca, French Morocco, 16 Dec 1942
Nouvion, Algeria, 29 Mar 1943
Matemore, Algeria, 18 May 1943
Goubrine, Tunisia, 25 Jun 1943
Gela, Sicily, 7 Sep 1943
Catania, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943
Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 27 Feb 1944 (operated from bases in India, 12 Apr–11 Jun 1944)
Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944
Galera Airfield, Italy, 29 Jun 1944

Malignano Airfield, Italy, 3 Oct 1944
Tarquinia, Italy, 9 Jan 1945
Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 26 May 1945
Marcianise, Italy, 28 Sep 1945
Naples, Italy, c. Oct–13 Dec 1945
Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946
McChord Field (later AFB), WA, 20 Jul 1947–28 Nov 1950
Ashiya AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950
Tachikawa AB, Japan, 25 Jul 1951–16 Nov 1951
McChord AFB, WA, 16 Nov 1951
Larson AFB, WA, 11 May 1952
McChord AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

Rockwell Air Depot, 8 Jul 1935
10th Transport Group, 20 May 1937
62nd Transport (later, 62nd Troop Carrier) Group, 10 May 1941–14 Nov 1945
Unkn, 14 Nov–13 Dec 1945
62nd Troop Carrier Group, 7 Sep 1946
62nd Troop Carrier (later, 62nd Air Transport; 62nd Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Jan 1960
62nd Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991

ATTACHMENTS

64th Troop Carrier Group, 3 Apr–19 Jun 1944
Attached to various elements of FEAF for operations during period 1 Dec 1950–16 Nov 1951

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-27, 1935–1937
C-33, 1936–1941
C-39, 1938–1942
C-47, 1942–1945
C-46, 1946–1947
C-82, 1947–1949
C-54, 1949–1951
C-124, 1951–1969
C-141, 1966-2000
C-17, 2000

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

B-10B
35-244
35-244

BC-2BI
31-24

C-33
36-84

C-47
41-18382
43-49530
41-18449

C-47A
42-92982
42-23510
42-100943
42-92680
42-24333
42-93785
42-92683
42-93784

C-49
42-56093

C-49F
42-56613

C-54D
43-17223
42-72597
42-72647
42-72547
42-72495
42-72659
42-72464

C-82A
45-57766
44-23020
44-23024
44-23024
44-23024
45-57737

PT-15
40-2
40-8

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

C-82s had red tail sections and wing-tips. Squadron colors were applied as a design on the nose and a section of both tails - 4th TCS: Red

COMMANDERS

Maj Harold H. Carr, 15 Jul 1935
Cpt Charles G. Brenneman, 22 Jun 1936
Maj Lionel H. Dunlap, 25 Jun 1937
Unknown, 20 Mar 1940-7 Dec 1941
Maj Aubrey J. Hurrion, Jan 1942
Maj Alphonse L. Coenan, 27 Mar 1943
Maj William J. Burke, 11 Jul 1944
Maj Oliver K. Halderson, 14 Aug 1944
Maj Lester A. Brinkerhoff, 19 Nov 1944
Maj Oliver K. Halderson, Mar 1945
Maj Thomas E. Hallifax, 4 Jun 1945-15 Dec 1945
Col Paul W. Stephens, 7 Sep 1946
LTC Richard Jones, Mar 1949
LTC Richard W. Etter, 16 Nov 1951
LTC Jerome M. Triolo, Dec 1952
Maj Milton W. Byrn, Jun 1954
LTC Harry M. Odren, Dec 1955
Maj Jack W. Weaver, Jun 1956
LTC Burgess Gradwell, Jun 1957
Maj Thomas J. Upton, Jun 1960
LTC Clarence I. Shuman, 20 Jan 1961
LTC Maurice A. Erickson Jr., #30 Jun 1962
LTC George B. Demmon, #Dec 1965
LTC Donald W. Feuerstein, #Dec 1966
LTC James H. Newton, 14 Aug 1967
LTC Dale E. Borgen, 15 Jul 1968
LTC Clifford J. Horkans, 1 May 1970
LTC Robert B. Downs, 6 May 1971
LTC Forrest G. Johnson, 8 Jun 1972
LTC John H. Billings, 26 Aug 1974
LTC Robert E. Baltzell, 9 Sep 1974
LTC David R. Vance, 17 Apr 1978
LTC Charles Z. Ridgway Jr., 29 Mar 1979
LTC John S. Baughman, 16 Jan 1981
LTC John S. Rogers, 7 Jun 1982
LTC Thomas A. Mikolajcik, 17 Aug 1983
LTC Joseph L. Castonguay, 8 Oct 1985
LTC Peter J. Bein, 21 Nov 1986
LTC Charles A. Royce, 23 Jun 1988
LTC Thomas F. Watson, 11 Jun 1990

LTC John L. Strube, 1 May 1992
LTC Jeff Cain, 20 May 1993
LTC Brian L. Sutter, 17 Apr 1995
LTC Henry W. Mauer, 7 May 1996
LTC James L. Schneller, 1 Aug 1997
LTC William J. Bender, 8 Sep 1998
LTC Balan Ayyar, 10 Jul 2001
LTC David D. Blomberg, 1 Jul 2002
LTC Mark Camerer, 15 Sep 2003
LTC James Regenor, 15 Jun 2004

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno

Southern France

North Apennines

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

India-Burma with Arrowhead

Korea

Chinese Communist Forces Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989–1990

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

China-Burma-India Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

19 Apr–5 May 1954

1 Jan 1961–1 Nov 1962

1 Jul 1965–15 Jul 1966

1 Jul 1969–30 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1973–30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985
14 Jun–3 Jul 1991
Jul 1994–30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996–30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1997–30 Jun 1999
1 Jul 2000–30 Jun 2001
11 Sep 2005–10 Sep 2006

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
1 Jul 1951–[15 Nov 1951]

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM

On a disc Gules, a hurt surmounted within by a cloud formation Argent detailed Azure and a mule, wings extended throughout, Silver Gray detailed Sable, eye and tongue of the first, teeth and pupil of the second, packing a cargo box Or strapped with a belt of the fifth; all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "4TH AIRLIFT SQ" in Black letters. 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 clouds represent the unit's global airlift mission capability. The red circle signifies the courage, pride, and distinction of spirit of the men and women of the unit to deliver cargo anywhere, anytime. The winged mule symbolizes the Army Air Corps service heritage. The cargo box on the back of the mule is significant to the cargo, passenger, and aero-medical transportation capability and flexibility. (Approved, 17 Sep 1942)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Regular Army on 1 October 1933, assigned to the 1st Transport Group, and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Organized by March 1934 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit at Bowman Field, KY. Authorized to be partially organized as the 4th Provisional Transport Squadron on 1 March 1935 and assigned to the San Antonio Air Depot. Fully activated, less Reserve personnel, 15 July 1935 at Rockwell Field, CA. Assigned on 20 May 1937 to the 10th Transport Group.

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, on Myitkyina, Burma, and on Southern France; support of partisans in Northern Italy and the Balkans; aerial transportation in MTO and, briefly, in CBI.

Aerial transportation from US to Japan, and subsequently between Japan and Korea in the period 1 Dec 1950–16 Nov 1951.

Airdrop of heavy equipment and personnel during the invasion of Panama on 20 Dec 1989.

Assisted in the evacuation of US personnel from Philippine Islands following the Jun 1991 eruption of Mt Pinatubo.

Conducted aerial delivery of rations to Afghani towns and villages during Global War on Terrorism operations in 2001.



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