

21 EXPEDITIONARY MOBILITY TASK FORCE



MISSION

The 21 Expeditionary Mobility Task Force (EMTF) provides a rapid, tailored, world-wide, air mobility response to combatant commander's needs. Reporting through 18th Air Force, the EMTF will extend existing AMC infrastructure, through both en route employment and rapid forward deployment capabilities. The goal is to provide warfighting unified commanders an improved force presentation that meets our nation's global air mobility requirements. The 21 EMTF presents mission-ready command and control, aerial port, aircraft maintenance and support personnel, as well as airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation and airfield opening planning and execution expertise, to project and sustain combat forces worldwide.

LINEAGE

23 Army Air Forces Ferrying Wing established, 12 Jun 1942
Activated, 18 Jun 1942
Redesignated North Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command, 27 Jun 1944
Redesignated Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command, 20 Sep 1945
Redesignated Atlantic Division, Military Airlift Command, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated Eastern Transport Air Force, 1 Jul 1958
Redesignated Twenty-First Air Force, 3 Jan 1966
Redesignated 21 Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 1 Oct 2003
Inactivated, 2012

STATIONS

Presque Isle, Maine
Fort Totten, NY, 30 Sep 1945
Westover AFB MA, Oct 1947
McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Jun 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Transport Command
Air Transport Service, 15 Oct 1947
Military Airlift Command,
Air Mobility Command, 1 Jun 1992
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 2003

COMMANDERS

BG Benjamin F. Giles, 18 Jun 1942
BG Lawrence G. Fritz, 5 Oct 1943
MG Lawrence S. Kuter, 21 Sep 1945
MG William H. Tunner, 21 Sep 1946
BG Archie J. Old, 23 Jul 1948
MG James W. Spry, 1 Mar 1950
BG Joseph C. Hopkins, 21 May 1953
MG Robert K. Taylor, 25 Aug 1953
MG Emery S. Wetzel, 10 May 1954
MG William S. Stone, 15 Jul 1957
BG Jack G. Merrill, 2 Aug 1959
MG William P. Fisher, 14 Sep 1959
MG George S. Brown, 1 Aug 1963
BG Robert J. Goewey, 8 Sep 1964
MG Donald W. Graham, 1 Jun 1965
MG William H. Brandon, 25 Jul 1967
MG Gilbert L. Curtis, 26 Jul 1969
BG John F. Gonge, 10 Sep 1971
MG Roland A. Campbell, 20 Sep 1971
MG Ray M. Cole, 1 Mar 1973
MG Lester T. Kearney, Jr., 1 Oct 1973
MG Alden G. Glauch, 23 May 1975
MG Thomas M. Sadler, 1 Sep 1977
MG Duane H. Cassidy, 1 Oct 1983
MG Robert B. Patterson, 1 Aug 1984
MG Robert D. Springer, 3 Oct 1984
MG Jack W. Sheppard, 2 Aug 1985
MG Donald A. Logeais, 5 Jun 1987
MG Paul E. Landers, Jr., 27 Jul 1990
LTG Vernon J. Kondra, 17 Jul 1991
LTG Malcolm B. Armstrong, 1 Jun 1992
LTG Edwin E. Tenoso, 13 Jun 1995
LTG John W. Handy, 11 Jul 1997
LTG Maxwell C. Bailey, 2 Oct 1998
MG John D. Hopper Jr., 27 Jul 1999
MG George N. Williams, 12 Oct 2000

BG Kurt A. Cichowski, 1 Oct 2003
BG Bobby J. Wilkes, 7 May 2004
BG Alfred J. Stewart, 9 Jun 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1984-31 Dec 1985

1 Jan-31 Dec 1988

1 Jan 1989-15 May 1990

1 Jun 1990-15 Jul 1991

1 Aug 1992-31 Jul 1994

1 Aug 1997-31 Jul 1999

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

EMBLEM



Approved, 21 Nov 1994

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OPERATIONS

Initially, the organization ferried aircraft, but by July 1942, its mission had changed to airlifting personnel and cargo. Beginning in the late 1950s, controlled and supported combat-ready airlift organizations in the eastern United States, the Atlantic basin, Europe, and the Middle East.

Air Mobility Command will restructure some functions of the 18th Air Force and the US Air Force Expeditionary Center in an effort to become more effective and efficient. Headquarters, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and Headquarters, 615th Contingency Response Wing—both located at Travis AFB, Calif.—will be inactivated. As will the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The 615th CRW's subordinate units will remain at Travis, but will now fall under the EC within the 621 CRW at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The restructure also calls for the realignment of 18th Air Force's two Air Mobility Operations Wings—the 515th AMOW at JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, and the 521st AMOW at Ramstein AB, Germany. Those wings will fall under the EC, as will the 621st CRW, which is currently aligned under the 21 EMTF. "The reduction of 18th Air Force's span of control allows for greater focus on its mission to present operational flying air mobility forces to US Transportation Command," said Lt. Gen. Mark Ramsay, 18th Air Force Commander. "Ultimately, it will allow the 18th Air Force to put greater focus on the flying mission while the Expeditionary Center focuses on our contingency response, expeditionary combat support training, enroute and installation support, and building partnerships missions." 2011

Air Mobility Command inactivated the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., consolidating its units and missions under the Air Force Expeditionary Center at the joint base. The standdown is part of a broader restructuring of 18th Air Force's mobility mission. "These changes represent a more effective and efficient way of carrying out our global air mobility mission," said Lt. Gen. Mark Ramsay, 18th AF commander, at Monday's inactivation ceremony. "At the same time, these changes give the Expeditionary Center responsibility for a portfolio of missions which truly reflect their core competencies: contingency response, expeditionary combat support training, en-route and installation support, and building partnerships," he added. 2012

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