

## 7<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

7<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron constituted, 1 Oct 1933  
Activated, 14 Oct 1939  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 27 Nov 1945  
Activated, 7 Sep 1946  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 23 Jun 1948  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 12 Oct 1949  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, 1 Jan 1965  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, 8 Jan 1966  
Inactivated, 22 Dec 1969  
Activated, 13 Mar 1971  
Redesignated 7<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

### STATIONS

Sacramento Air Depot (later, McClellan Field), CA, 14 Oct 1939  
Kellogg Field, MI, 29 May 1942  
Florence AAB, SC, 2 Jul-14 Aug 1942  
Greenham Common, England, 7 Sep 1942  
Keevil, England, 25 Sep-16 Nov 1942  
Tafaroui, Algeria, 27 Dec 1942 (operated from bases in Egypt and Palestine, 13 Mar-19 May 1943)  
Matemore, Algeria, 21 May 1943  
El Djem, Tunisia, 22 Jun 1943  
Goubrine, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943  
Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943  
Brindisi, Italy, 12 Feb 1944  
Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 29 Mar 1944  
Guado Airfield, Italy, 8 May 1944  
Galera Airfield, Italy, 28 Jun 1944  
Brindisi, Italy, 22 Oct 1944  
Tarquinia, Italy, 4 Dec 1944  
Rosignano, Italy, 24 May 1945

Naples, Italy, 25 Sep-27 Nov 1945  
Bergstrom Field, TX, 7 Sep 1946  
McChord Field (later, AFB), WA, 5 Aug 1947 (operated from Elmendorf Field, AK, 15 Sep 1947-5 Mar 1948)  
Kelly AFB, TX, 9 May 1950 (operated from McChord AFB, WA, 27 Jul 1950-18 Feb 1951)  
McChord AFB, WA, 19 Feb 1951  
Larson AFB, WA, 9 May 1952  
McChord, AFB, WA, 13 Jun 1960-22 Dec 1969  
Travis AFB, CA, 13 Mar 1971  
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Oct 1993

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

10<sup>th</sup> Transport Group, 14 Oct 1939  
62<sup>nd</sup> Transport (later, 62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940-14 Nov 1945  
Unkn, 15-27 Nov 1945  
62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 7 Sep 1946  
62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier (later, 62<sup>nd</sup> Air Transport; 62<sup>nd</sup> Military Airlift) Wing, 15 Jan 1960-22 Dec 1969  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 13 Mar 1971  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979  
60<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991  
62<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, 15 Sep 1947-5 Mar 1948  
62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Wing, 8-14 Jan 1960

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-33, 1939-1941  
C-39, 1939-1942  
B-10, 1939-1940  
C-53, 1942  
C-47, 1942-1945  
C-46, 1946-1947  
C-82, 1947-1949  
C-54, 1949-1951  
C-124C, 1951  
C-141A, 1971  
C-17A

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

### **UNIT COLORS**

C-124C: Nose flash was yellow outlined in black.

## **COMMANDERS**

None, 14-18 Oct 1939

1Lt Richard T. Black, 19 Oct 1939

2Lt Richard A. Davis, 20 Nov 1939

2Lt Thomas S. Algert, 23 Dec 1939

2Lt William W. Miller, 22 Jan 1940

1Lt Donald J. French, 1 Jan 1941

Cpt Ralph J. Moore, 12 Feb 1942

LTC William T. Duden, 19 Jun 1942

Maj Paul A. Jones, 25 Sep 1943

Maj Jerald B. Davis, 1 Aug 1944

Maj Joseph L. Keith, 15 Dec 1944

Cpt Edward J. Wall, 8 Jun-5 Nov 1945

Unkn, 5-27 Nov 1945

LTC Lester L. Ferguson, 7 Sep 1946

LTC Stanley W. Tobiason, 11 Nov 1946

Maj Charles W. Williams, Aug 1948

Maj George P. Basel, Nov 1948

LTC Harold A. Bullock, 26 Oct 1949

LTC Courtney L. Faught, 7 Jun 1952

LTC Roland K. McCroskrie, Oct 1952

Maj Henry J. Wurster, Jul 1953

Maj Harrison T. Blakey, Aug 1954

LTC Walter P. Carmichael Jr., Jul 1960

LTC Michael F. Robinson, 1961

LTC James H. Short, 1964

LTC Charles E. Clague Jr., 1965

LTC Jonathan K. Shafer, Jun 1967

LTC Bennie J. Ruffata, 1 Aug 1968

LTC Charles Kerr, 10 Mar-22 Dec 1969

LTC Raymond H. Kehl, 13 Mar 1971

LTC John A. Doglione, 1 Jun 1971

LTC Dean G. Smith, 19 Nov 1973

LTC Joe T. Griffith, 31 Dec 1973

LTC Gary H. Mears, 8 Aug 1975

LTC Robert W. Sample, Jr., 1 Jun 1977

LTC Larry D. Parsons, 18 Jul 1978

LTC Howard M. Epstein, 20 Jun 1980

LTC Bart C. Hogan, 5 Mar 1982

LTC Clair D. Heidler III, 9 May 1983

LTC Michael R. Gallagher, 17 Jun 1985

LTC John A. Kent, Jr., Jul 1987

LTC James E. Alford, 19 Sep 1988

LTC David J. Skalko, 11 Jun 1990

LTC Robert D. Bishop Jr., 15 Jun 1992  
LTCl William J. McKinney, 1 Oct 1993  
LTC James A. Fellows, 31 Mar 1994  
LTC Michael David, 28 Jan 1995  
LTC Ray R. Phillips, 23 Jul 1996  
LTC Jeffery L. Frazer, 19 Mar 1998  
LTC Timothy M. Zadalis, 3 Mar 2000  
LTC Mark S. Hershman, 16 Jul 2002  
LTC Chad Manske, 8 Jun 2004  
LTC Todd A. Dierlam, 11 Jul 2005

## **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

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

Panama, 1989-1990

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

19 Apr-5 May 1954

1 Jan 1961-1 Nov 1962

1 Jul 1965-15 Jul 1966

15 Nov 1967-15 Nov 1969

1 Jul 1974- 30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

16 Dec 1989-31 Jan 1990

1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992

1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 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 Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
1 Apr 1966-[28 Jan 1973]

**EMBLEM**

On a medium Blue disk, edged and marked with Dark Blue lines of latitude and longitude, a Gold dexter hand couped, grasping a double edged Gold sword, pommel and hilt cap White, handle Red, between two Green olive branches, banded Yellow in base, surmounted by a broad White lightning bolt fesswise, blunted at points. (Approved, 9 Aug 1944).

On a disc as a globe Celeste gridlined Azure, charged in base with a fist Or detailed of the second, palm affronté grasping a double-edged sword of the last, hilt to base Verte, pommel and hand guard Argent, above and between two convexly arched olive branches in saltire of the fourth, banded of three of the third and detailed Sable, overall a lightning bolt in fess, ends truncated White; all within a narrow border Blue. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "7TH AIRLIFT SQ" in Blue letters.

**EMBLEM 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 lightning bolt symbolizes the speed and lightning stroke of airborne operations. The sword denotes the unit's strength and readiness to defend, while the olive branch alludes to peacetime

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

Squadron's missions included airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France, support of partisans in Northern Italy and the Balkans, and transportation of personnel and supplies in MTO, during World War II.

Airlift from US to Japan during Korean War.

Worldwide airlift beginning May 1952.

Flew frequent missions to Southeast Asia, Jan 1966-Dec 1969 and Apr 1971-Apr 1975. Supported operations in Grenada, 25 Oct-7 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989; and Southwest Asia, Aug 1990.

440514	C-47	41-18446	7TCS	62TCG		KMAC	Boyd, Robert D	Gaudo
440514	C-47A	42-23527	7TCS	62TCG		KMAC	Conley, Allen J	Gaudo

440602	C-61A	43-14540	7TCS	62TCG		FLEF	Greer, Fletcher P	Bovino/ 6mi W
440614	C-47A	43-15116	7TCS	62TCG		CBL	Kenyon, Robert L	Gaudo
440825	C-47A	42-93820	7TCS	62TCG		LAC	Oram, Charles R	Galera AF, Rome
450119	C-47	42- 100955	7TCS	62TCG	Tarquinnia A/D	GAC	[parked aircraft]	Bari A/D
450515	C-46D	44-78093	7TCS	62TCG		KCRT	DeForrest, Richard D	Tarquinnia
450709	C-47A	42-24209	7TCS	62TCG		KLAC	Hess, Ralph A	Cairo/ 20mi W
470303	C-46F	44-78702	7TCS	62TCG	Bergstrom AAF, TX	TAC	Beebe, Robert C	Andrews Fld
510307	C-54D	43-17239	7TCS	62TCG	McChord AFB, WA	LACW	Floyd, Roland B.	McChord AFB
420807	C-47	41-18454	7TCSq	62TCGp	Selfridge Field, Mt Clemens, MI	TOAEF	Jones, Paul A	Florence AB, SC

430714	C-46	41-5175	7TpS	22TpG		LAC	Plummer, Richard W	Tezpur
441226	C-109	44-48877	7TpS			LAC	Keathley, Harold L	Tezgaon
450122	C-109	42-51716	7TpS			BOoG	Jones, John P	Kweyang
420308	A-17A	36-257	7TS	62TG	McClellan Field, Sacramento, CA	TAC	Kizer, Curtis A	Minter Field, Bakersfield, CA
420503	C-53	41-20131	7TS	62TG	McClellan Field, Sacramento, CA	TACNU	Sherwood, Frederick H	McClellan Field, CA
410127	C-33	36-80	7TS	62TS	McClellan Field, CA	LAC	Celik, Henry M.	McClellan Field, CA
410308	PT-15	40-10	7TS	67TG	McClellan Field, CA	KSSP	Bunch, Paul W	Shafter, CA
400119	C-33	36-78	7TS		Sacramento AD, Sacramento, CA	MACO	Celik, Henry M	Clover Field, Santa Monica, CA
410905	C-39	38-511	7TS		McClellan Field, CA	TOAEF	Palm, Lorrill A	1/8 mi NE Winslow Airport, Winslow,

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