

87 AIR BASE WING



MISSION

The 87 Air Base Wing provides installation management to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the nation's only tri-service joint base. The wing also provides mission-ready, expeditionary Airmen to support Unified Combatant Commanders in on-going military operations. The wing consists of more than 3,100 officers, enlisted, and civilian personnel from the Air Force, Army and Navy.

LINEAGE

87 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 26 May 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 1 Feb 1953

Redesignated 87 Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Jul 1985

Redesignated 87 Air Base Wing, 19 Feb 2009

Activated, 3 Mar 2009

STATIONS

Atterbury AFB, IN, 15 Jun 1952-1 Feb 1953

McGuire AFB, (Later, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) NJ, 3 Mar 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

2nd Air Reserve District, 15 Jun 1952-1 Feb 1953

Eighteenth Air Force (Air Forces Transportation), 3 Mar 2009

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-7, 1952-1953
C-46, 1952-1953
C-47, 1953
B-25, 1952-1953
T-6, 1953

COMMANDERS

Col George C. Riley, 15 Jun 1952-1 Feb 1953
Unkn, 2-15 Feb 1953
Col Gina M. Grosso, 3 Mar 2009
Col John Wood
Col Bridget V. Gigliotti

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2012

EMBLEM



Per bend sinister Azure and Or, a bend sinister Gules, overall an eagle displayed Argent, eyed of the first, beaked and legged of the second, armed Sable, grasping in dexter talons an anchor and in sinister talons three cannon balls of the last, highlighted of the fourth, a base embattled Purpure, masoned of the fifth, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "UT UNUM VINCERE" 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 eagle represents the air power that projects from the unit's support. The anchor represents the Wing's support for seaborne joint forces. The cannon balls represent the unit's support for powerful ground forces.

MOTTO

UT UNUM VINCERE--Win As One

OPERATIONS

Replaced non-flying 923rd Reserve Training Wing. Trained under supervision of 2 Air Reserve District and 2466 Air Force Reserve Training Center, using aircraft assigned to the center. Experienced difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified airmen. Replaced in Feb 1953 by 434 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium.

USAF Forms New Wing for Joint New Jersey Facility: The Air Force has activated the 87 Air Base Wing at McGuire AFB, NJ, in the drive toward the new Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, mandated by BRAC 2005. Taking the reins of the new wing, which absorbs the base support functions that resided within the 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire, is Col. Gina Grosso.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

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