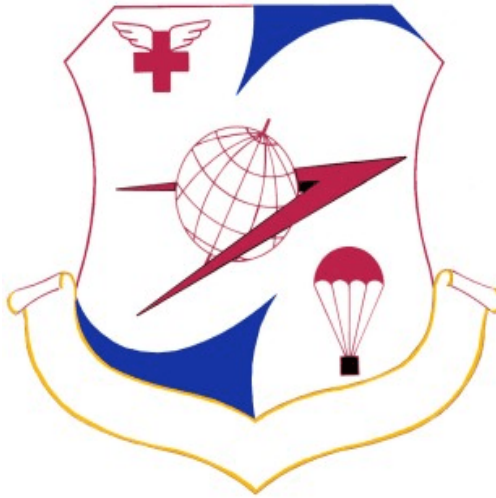


322nd AIR DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

322nd Troop Carrier Wing established, 4 Dec 1944

Activated, 30 Dec 1944

Inactivated, 15 Feb 1946

Activated in the Reserve, 12 Jun 1947

Redesignated 322nd Air Division, Troop Carrier, 16 Apr 1948

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated and activated 322nd Air Division (Combat Cargo), 1 Mar 1954

Redesignated 322nd Air Division, 8 Jan 1966

Inactivated, 24 Dec 1968

Redesignated 322nd Airlift Division, 13 Jun 1978

Activated, 23 Jun 1978

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1992

STATIONS

Hollandia, New Guinea, 30 Dec 1944

Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 22 Jul 1945-15 Feb 1946

Lowry Field (later, AFB), CO, 12 Jun 1947-27 Jun 1949

Wiesbaden, Germany, 1 Mar 1954

Ramstein AB, Germany, 22 Mar 1954

Evreux Fauville AB, France, 12 Aug 1955

Chateauroux AS, France, 1 Apr 1964

High Wycombe AS, England, 5 Aug 1966-24 Dec 1968

Ramstein AB, Germany, 23 Jun 1978-1 Apr 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

Far East Air Forces, 30 Dec 1944

Far East Air Service Command, 3 Jan 1945-15 Feb 1946

Second Air Force, 12 Jun 1947

Tenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1948-27 Jun 1949

United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Mar 1954

Eastern Air Force (later, Twenty First Air Force), 1 Apr 1964-24 Dec 1968

Twenty First Air Force, 23 Jun 1978-1 Apr 1992

COMMANDERS

Col Ray T. Elsmore, 30 Dec 1944

Col Leo H. Dawson, 17 Oct 1945

Col James L. Lee, Nov 1945-25 Jan 1946

None (not manned), 26 Jan-15 Feb 1946

None (not manned), 12 Jun-13 Aug 1947

BG Dick R. Petty, 14 Aug 1947-unkn

Col Lucion N. Powell, 1 Mar 1954

BG Franklin Rose, 17 May 1954

Col Clyde Box, 22 May 1956

BG Tarleton H. Watkins, 13 Jun 1959

Col Charles W. Howe, 16 Jun 1961

BG Robert D. Forman, 1 Apr 1964

Col Robert W. Relfe, 27 Jan 1966

BG Burl W. McLaughlin, 28 Mar 1966

Col Leland W. Johnson, 14 Nov 1967

BG Hugh E. Wild, 27 Jan-24 Dec 1968

BG Click D. Smith, 23 Jun 1978

BG Robert D. Springer, 30 Jun 1980

BG William E. Overacker, 14 Aug 1981

MG Robert B. Patterson, 9 Oct 1984

MG Richard J. Trzaskoma, 5 Sep 1985

MG Paul A. Harvey, 13 Nov 1986

MG William H. Sistrunk, 16 Jun 1988

BG James L. Hobson Jr., 16 Mar 1990-1 Apr 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

8 Jul-10 Aug 1960

1 Sep 1962-15 Apr 1963

1 May-13 Jun 1967

1 Oct 1980-30 Sep 1982

1 Apr 1986-15 Jun 1988

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

EMBLEM



On a shield argent between the points of a flying dart gules, a sphere of the field, with axis, latitude lines, longitude lines and outline sable; in dexter chief a cross couped of the second, winged of the first; in sinister base a parachute gules, lines and detail black; two points pointed bendwise, one in dexter base and one in sinister chief azure. (Approved, 16 Aug 1956)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 322d wing primarily carried high priority cargo destined for Air Corps organizations in the Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA). Besides carrying passengers and cargo, it evacuated wounded personnel and flew courier routes in SWPA.

Active in the Reserve from Jun 1947-Jun 1949, it supervised subordinate unit training. From Mar 1954, the division was responsible for airlifting personnel, cargo, and mail in Europe. Almost immediately after it commenced operations in Europe, the 322d became involved in a major airlift of French troops (Project Bali Hai) from bases in France to Indo China. Initially concerned only with

operations in Germany and France, it soon began operating throughout the entire USAFE area of responsibility.

In addition to its routine duties, the division supported numerous humanitarian missions to Turkey, Iran, Morocco, and Pakistan, among other states. It also provided airlift support in the following crises: the nationalization of the Suez Canal in 1956; the Hungarian uprising in 1956; the Lebanese revolution in 1958; support for UN forces in the Congo in 1960-1961; the invasion of India by Communist Chinese forces in 1962-1963; airlift of peacekeeping forces to Cyprus in 1964; and the Middle East crisis of 1967.

Between 1954 and 1968, the division supported numerous USAFE and NATO exercises. From Jun 1978, the 322d managed tactical airlift forces stationed and operating in the European theater and coordinated strategic airlift from the United States and other origins.

It also assumed responsibility for all aeromedical operations and administrative airlift in the theater, including highly positioned military and civilian U.S. and foreign government officials. In addition, the division supported military exercises such as Ardent Ground, Dawn Patrol, Flintlock, and Cold Fire/Reforger.

In 1985 the 322d acquired peacetime responsibility for airlift management in Africa.

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