

433 AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

433 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 10 May 1949
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 15 Oct 1950
Inactivated, 14 Jul 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 18 May 1955
Redesignated 433 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1967
Redesignated 433 Military Airlift Wing, 25 Jul 1969
Redesignated 433 Tactical Airlift Wing, 29 Jun 1971
Redesignated 433 Military Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1985
Redesignated 433 Airlift Wing, 1 Feb 1992

STATIONS

Cleveland Muni Aprt, OH, 27 Jun 1949
Greenville (later, Donaldson) AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950-20 Jul 1951
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 5 Aug 1951-14 Jul 1952
Brooks AFB, TX, 18 May 1955
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1960
Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 2001

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 27 Jun 1949
First Air Force, 1 Aug 1950
Tactical Air Command, 16 Oct 1950
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Jun 1951
Twelfth Air Force, 8 Aug 1951-14 Jul 1952

Fourteenth Air Force, 18 May 1955
Tenth Air Force, 25 Mar 1958
Fourth Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Sep 1960
Central Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969
Fourth Air Force, 8 Oct 1976

ATTACHMENTS

Twelfth Air Force, 5-7 Aug 1951

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-6, 1949-1950
T-7, 1949-1950
T-11, 1949-1950
C-46, 1949-1950
C-119, 1950-1952
T-28, 1955
C-45, 1955-1956
C-46, 1955-1958
C-119, 1957-1971
C-124, 1963, 1966-1972
C-130, 1971-1985
C-5, 1985

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen Robert A. Nagle, 27 Jun 1949
Col Harry W. Hopp, Oct 1950
Col Louis M. Merrick, 15 Jan 1951
Col Harry W. Hopp, 20 Jul 1951
Col Donald J. French, 14 Jan-14 Jul 1952
Brig Gen John H. Foster, 18 May 1955
LTC Tom E. Marchbanks Jr., 7 Nov 1960
Brig Gen Roger L. Zeller, 21 Nov 1961
Brig Gen Tom E. Marchbanks Jr., 26 Jun 1962
Brig Gen Ralph M. Lain, 8 Jan 1968
Col William A. Willis, 15 Jun 1970-12 Jun 1972
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Brig Gen Harry J. Huff II, by Aug 1972
Maj Gen John W. Hoff, Jan 1976
Brig Gen Cecil T. Jenkins, 7 Jun 1976
Col Howard L. Brainin, 6 Apr 1978
Brig Gen Sloan R. Gill, 15 Jun 1978
Brig Gen Marc M. McClelland, 15 May 1979
Col Thomas E. Burford, 11 Mar 1983
Brig Gen John G. Sullivan, 4 Jul 1984

Col Edward W. Garland, 23 Nov 1987
Brig Gen James E. Sherrard III, 31 Jan 1988
Brig Gen Michael J. Quarnaccio, 4 Feb 1990
Col Peter T. Bentley, 15 Jan 1995
Col John C. Fobian, Apr 2004
Brig Gen Bernard J. Pieczynski
Col Jeffrey T. Pennington, 2012
Col Terry W. McClain

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul-31 Dec 1964

16 Jul 1977-15 Jul 1979

1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983

1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

12 Sep 2000-11 Sep 2002

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

1 Jan 2007-31 Dec 2008

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Jul 1967-28 Jun 1971

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 433 Operations Group before 27 Jun 1949

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Japan

New Guinea

Northern Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Ryukyus

Decorations

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM

433 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium emblem: Or, on and over a demi-globe issuant from base azure with land areas light blue three lightning flashes gules chained of the first and suspended from a parachute of the second; in chief above a constellation of ten mullets bendwise four, three and three of the second a front view of the Alamo of the like winged argent, all within a diminished bordure of the last fimbriated of the second. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the Wing and its mission. Against a background of Air Force golden yellow, and a representation of the globe to represent the vast geographical area covered by this unit's flying personnel, a flying "Alamo" symbolizes the unit's flying mission and the general area in which it is located. A parachute depicts one of the unit's assigned mission and the three lightning flashes represent the three flying squadrons. The chain holding the three lightning flashes together indicate that the power and capabilities of these units are combined into one efficient operation. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow, and the national colors, red, white, and blue. (Approved, 7 Jul 1961)



433 Tactical Airlift Wing patch



433 Military Airlift Wing patch



433 Airlift Wing emblem



433 Airlift Wing emblem: Or, a demi-globe issuant from base Azure gridlined Argent, in chief above a front view of the Alamo of the second, detailed and winged White, outlined and detailed Blue, three constellations fesswise enarched in dexter four mullets in fusil and two of three mullets in triangle Azure; all within a diminished bordure of the first fimbriated Gules. Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed" 433d AIRLIFT WING II in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 globe denotes the vast geographical area served by the unit. The winged " Alamo II reflects the home location of the Wing and also its mission of airlifting equipment and personnel. The combination of star clusters symbolizes the unit's numerical designation. The inner red border represents the courage and dedication of the units personnel. (Approved, 4 Aug 1995)

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OPERATIONS

Trained in the Reserve, Jun 1949-Oct 1950 and served on active duty until 1952. After 1955, flew airlift missions and participated in numerous training exercises, sometimes with special forces. By the mid-1960s, the wing was flying global airlift missions. Conducted the USAF's C-130A pilot and flight engineer school. Between 1971 and 1985, the wing trained for tactical airlift missions, participating in joint training exercises. It provided airlift of Department of Defense personnel, supplies, and equipment worldwide. Assisted the U.S. Forest Service by use of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS).

It airlifted other units overseas for deployments and conducted humanitarian airlift operations. Between 1977 and 1985, rotated personnel and aircraft periodically to the Panama Canal Zone. In 1985, it became the first Air Force Reserve wing to fly the C-5 Galaxy, the largest USAF operational aircraft, and changed from tactical to strategic airlift missions. Also began training for aerial refueling. It tested a C-5 modified to transport space vehicles and in 1989 airlifted the Hubble Space Telescope from California to Florida.

The wing's personnel and aircraft took part in Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989-1990, flying medical supplies, rations, and tanks to Panama. Airlifted men and materiel from the United States to Europe, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey, 1990-1991. In 1995 the wing transported United Nations personnel and equipment to the Balkans for peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the 1990s, it flew channel, contingency, and humanitarian airlift operations and trained for such missions.

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