76 AIRLIFT DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

76 Airlift Division established, 17 Feb 1976 Activated, 1 Mar 1976 Inactivated, 30 Sep 1977 Activated, 15 Dec 1980 Inactivated, 1 Oct 1985

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, Maryland, 1 Mar 1976-30 Sep 1977 Andrews AFB, Maryland, 15 Dec 1980-1 Oct 1985

ASSIGNMENTS

Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Mar 1976-30 Sep 1977 Twenty-First Air Force, 15 Dec 1980-1 Oct 1985

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-12, 1976

C-135, 1976

CH-3, 1976

T-39, 1976

UH-1, 1976

VC-6, 1976

VC-9, 1976

VC-131, 1976

VC-135, 1976

VC-137, 1976

VC-140, 1976

C-12, 1980

C-135, 1980

CH-3, 1980

UH-1, 1980

VC-6, 1980

VC-9, 1980

VC-135, 1980

VC-137, 1980

VC-140, 1980

C-20, 1983

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 1 Mar-30 Jun 1976

Maj Gen William C. Norris, 1 Jul 1976

Maj Gen Benjamin F. Starr, Jr., 26 Jul-30 Sep 1977

Brig Gen Archer L. Durham, c. 15 Dec 1980

Brig Gen Albert C. Guidotti, 1 Feb 1982

Brig Gen Paul A. Harvey, 22 Aug 1984-1 Oct 1985

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, a globe with axis bendwise celeste gridlined light green, surmounted in pale by a silhouetted aircraft ascending silver gray, overall coinciding with the edge of the globe in base, the US Capitol argent garnished of the first, all within a diminished bordure or. (approved Jul 1976)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In 1976 1977, and after 1980, the 76th provided airlift support for the President, Vice President, cabinet members, and other high ranking civilian and military dignitaries of the United States and other governments. Subordinate units also operated, administered and maintained Andrews AFB, Maryland,

and provided logistical support for the National Emergency Airborne Command Post (NEACP), and other flying units. One component, the 1st Helicopter Squadron, provided support for the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Defense Preparedness Agency plan for emergency evacuation of key government officials and to support the national search and rescue plan.
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