

# **179 OPERATIONS GROUP**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

179 Operations Group

## **STATIONS**

Mansfield-Lahm Air National Guard Base, Mansfield, OH

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

179 Airlift Wing

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Gary A. McCue, Jun 2007 - Jul 2010

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing recently received its eighth and final C-130H, completing its transition back to the airframe from the C-27J Spartan at Mansfield ANGB, Ohio. The unit flew legacy C-130s from 1976 until 2010, when it became the first unit to transition to the new C-27J, receiving a total of four Spartans. When the Air Force elected to divest the C-27J

fleet in 2013, the 179th AW began its transition back to the C-130H. Over the past two years the wing has recruited, retrained, and recertified aircrew, maintainers, and support personnel to grow from its previously authorized strength of 650 personnel to the approximately 850 authorized to support C-130 operations. The unit also took delivery of one of the first C-130 multi-mission crew trainers in the ANG, ahead of 179th Operations Group commander Col. Mark Auer declaring the unit mission capable last month. The final aircraft arrived Aug. 4. 2015

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