

834 AIRLIFT DIVISION



MISSION

LINEAGE

834 Air Division established, 30 Aug 1957
Activated, 25 Sep 1957
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1959
Activated, 24 Jun 1964
Organized, 1 Jul 1964
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1971
Activated, 31 Jan 1972
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1974
Redesignated 834 Airlift Division, 23 Aug 1978
Activated, 1 Oct 1978
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1992

STATIONS

England AFB, LA, 25 Sep 1957-1 Apr 1959
England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1964-15 Oct 1966
Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 15 Oct 1966-1 Dec 1971
Little Rock AFB, AR, 31 Jan 1972-31 Dec 1974
Hickam AFB, HI, 1 Oct 1978-1 Apr 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 25 Sep 1957
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1957
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1958-1 Apr 1959
Tactical Air Command, 24 Jun 1964

Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1964
Seventh Air Force, 15 Oct 1966-1 Dec 1971
Twelfth Air Force, 31 Jan 1972
Twenty Second Air Force, 1-31 Dec 1974
Twenty Second Air Force, 1 Oct 1978-1 Apr 1992

COMMANDERS

Col Victor E. Warford, 25 Sep 1957
Brig Gen Ivan W. Mcelroy, 15 Jul 1958-1 Apr 1959
Col Richard V. Travis, 1 Jul 1964
Brig Gen William P. Mcbride, 14 Jun 1965
Col James J. England, 18 Jun-1 Aug 1966
Unkn, 2 Aug-12 Sep 1966
None (Not Manned), 13 Sep-14 Oct 1966
Col Robert T. Simpson, 15 Oct 1966
Brig Gen William G. Moore Jr., 30 Oct 1966
Brig Gen Hugh E. Wild, 1 Sep 1967
Brig Gen William G. Moore Jr., 26 Sep 1967
Brig Gen Hugh E. Wild, 12 Nov 1967
Maj Gen Burl W. Mclaughlin, 29 Nov 1967
Brig Gen John H. Herring Jr., 23 Jun 1969
Brig Gen John H. Germerad, 9 Jun-1 Dec 1971
None (Not Manned), 31 Jan-14 Mar 1972
Brig Gen Eugene W. Gauch Jr., 15 Mar 1972
Col Robert F. Coverdale, 16 Jul-31 Dec 1974
Col Jimmy L. Maturo, 1 Oct 1978
Col Browning C. Wharton Jr., 30 Jun 1980
Col Richard J. Trzaskoma, 21 Aug 1981
Brig Gen Gary H. Mears, 6 Jul 1983
Brig Gen James J. Lecleir, 20 Aug 1985
Brig Gen Vernon J. Kondra, 19 Aug 1987
Brig Gen James F. Hinkel, 31 Jul 1989-1 Apr 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam
Vietnam Air Offensive
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer Fall, 1969

Vietnam Winter Spring, 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam)
21 Jan-12 May 1968
1 Apr-30 Jun 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
15 Oct 1966-30 Apr 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
[15] Oct 1966-30 Oct 1971
15 Oct 1966-1 Dec 1971

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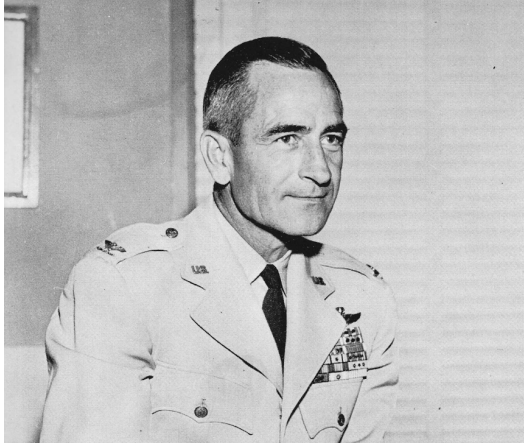


On a field divided azure and vert, a bend nebuly checky sable and argent fimbriated of the last between a griffin rampant or garnished brown grasping in dexter talon a sword bend sinister wise of the fourth garnished of the third, and two fleurs de lis in bend of the fifth garnished of the sixth, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. (Approved, 30 Mar 1965)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 834th Airlift Division assumed command and control over two fighter bomber wings and the 834th Air Base Group in Sep 1957. As an intermediate echelon between the wings and Tactical Air Command's numbered air forces, the division supervised operations and training, tactical exercises firepower demonstrations, and conducted periodic evaluations and inspections to ensure combat readiness of aircrews and equipment.



Col Victor E. Warford,

By Jun 1964, the conflict in Southeast Asia demanded much of the 834th's efforts. Late in 1966 the division moved, without personnel or equipment, to Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, to join the Seventh Air Force. Through Dec 1971 it served as a single manager for all tactical airlift operations in South Vietnam, using air transport to haul cargo and troops, which were air-landed or air-dropped, as combat needs dictated.

In addition, the 834th supervised transport operations (primarily C-47s) of the Vietnamese Air Force and six A-4 Wallaby transports operated by the Royal Australian Air Force. The 834th's flying components also performed defoliation missions, propaganda leaflet drops, and other special missions. During its last few months, the 834th worked toward passing combat airlift control to Seventh Air Force. From Mar 1972 to Dec 1974 the division supervised Twelfth Air Force tactical airlift operations and participated in a series of tactical airlift exercises and joint training missions with U.S. Army units.

Squadrons and detachment-size elements frequently deployed to points in Europe, the Canal Zone, Africa, Thailand, and elsewhere. The 834th flew many humanitarian missions to such widespread places as Africa, the Philippines, Columbia, and Honduras. In Oct 1978, it assumed responsibility for managing MAC airlift resources in the Pacific. For this mission, the 834th provided a single commander for MAC airlift units in the Pacific theater; command and control of theater-assigned airlift forces for Pacific Air Forces; theater tactical airlift war planning and Pacific exercise planning; and aerial ports in the Pacific area to support the air movement of personnel, cargo, equipment, patients, and mail. The division participated in tactical exercises such as Team Spirit, Ulchi Focus Lens, and Capstan Dragon.

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