

934 AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

The wing's mission is to fly C-130H cargo aircraft, both airdropping and airlanding cargo and people. Aeromedical evacuation of patients within the theater of operations is another facet of the mission. The 934 Airlift Wing supports the Air Force mission on a daily basis, providing airlift both in the United States and around the world. Upon mobilization orders, the 934 Airlift Wing would deploy to become part of the active duty Air Force's Air Mobility Command.

To accomplish its mission, the 934 Airlift Wing is made up of 14 units, including a headquarters section. They are: the 96th Airlift Squadron, 934 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, 934 Civil Engineer Squadron, 934 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 934 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 934 Maintenance Squadron, 934 Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 934 Services Squadron, 934 Security Forces Squadron, 934 Communications Flight, 934 Maintenance Operations Flight, 934 Mission Support Flight and 934 Operations Support Flight.

LINEAGE

934 Troop Carrier Group, Medium established and activated, 15 Jan 1963
Organized in the Reserve, 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 934 Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Jul 1967
Redesignated 934 Airlift Group, 1 Feb 1992
Redesignated 934 Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Minneapolis-St Paul Intl Aprt (later, Minneapolis-St Paul IAP-Air Reserve Station), MN, 11 Feb 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Air Command, 15 Jan 1963

440 Troop Carrier (later, 440 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 11 Feb 1963
442 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1978
433 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1981
302 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1985
403 Tactical Airlift (later, 403 Airlift) Wing, 31 Dec 1987
302 Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1992
Tenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994
Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1997

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-119, 1963-1970
C-130, 1970

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Dodson B. Graybeal, 11 Feb 1963
Lt Col Robert D. Hanson, 12 Jul 1965
Col William J. Johnson Jr., 15 Nov 1965
Lt Col Donald M. Price, 18 Aug 1969
Col Alvin J. Moser, 7 Aug 1970
Col Donald M. Price, c. Aug 1971
Col Charles E. Corcilus, 4 Oct 1971
Lt Col Elmer C. Apel, 11 Nov 1972
Lt Col Joseph G. Rollins, 5 Feb 1974
Col Ralph T. Carlson, 23 Jun 1974
Col Howard E. Mangin, 12 Jan 1979
Col Jerry D. Boone, 2 Sep 1984
Lt Col Peter T. Bentley, May 1988
Lt Col William R. Tefteller, 4 Aug 1991
Lt Col Dermot F. Norton, 16 Jan 1992
Col Michael F. Gjede, 1 Nov 1992
Col Richard R. Moss, 11 Mar 1998
Col Dean L. Despinoy, 24 Oct 1999
Col James J. Muscatell Jr., 7 Sep 2003
Col Timothy E. Tarchick, 31 Mar 2006
Col Darrell G. Young, 9 May 2010
Col Todd J. McCubbin, Oct 2013
Col Anthony G. Polashek, Dec 2015
Col Christopher T. Lay, 11 Jan 2020

HONROS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989-1990

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983

1 Oct 1988-30 Sep 1990

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

30 Sep 1998-1 Oct 2000

1 Sep 2002-31 Aug 2004

1 Sep 2005-31 Aug 2007

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

14 Feb-11 Mar 1968

EMBLEM





Parted per fess gules and azure, overall a pile issuant from sinister throughout argent, between in chief a helmeted viking head coupé, descending to dexter flank of the last garnished gray, helmet counter-changed and in base nine mullets ascending to dexter flank in three alternating rows of three, four and two or, charged with three silhouetted stylized aircraft fesswise in flight formation to dexter of the fourth, all within diminished bordure of the last. Significance. The emblem is symbolic of the group and its mission. The viking head alludes to strength and bravery and refers to the northern location of Minnesota, the state where the unit is stationed. The aircraft in flight and the background of white and the star-studded deep blue depict the day and night airlift capability. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue and the national colors, red, white, and blue. (Approved, 23 Oct 1964)

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 Viking's head alludes to strength and bravery and also refers to the northern location of Minnesota, the state where the unit was activated in 1963. The aircraft in flight with its white background and the star-studded deep blue depict the day and night airlift capabilities of the unit. The national colors of red, white, and blue are significant of our country.



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in formation Gray, between in chief a Viking's head with helmet couped of the last garnished White and in base nine mullets bendwise three, four and two Or; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed 934th AIRLIFT WING 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 Viking's head alludes to strength and bravery and also refers to the northern location of Minnesota, the state where the unit was activated in 1963. The aircraft in flight with its white background and the star-studded deep blue depict the day and night airlift capabilities of the unit. The national colors of red, white, and blue are significant of our country. (Approved, 3 Aug 1995)

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PER ORBEM POTENTES—Powerful Throughout the Globe.

OPERATIONS

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A C-130 aircrew of the 934th Tactical Airlift Group got its year off to a good start when they helped rescue four people on January 12. The four were adrift in a 14-foot aluminum boat after their outboard motor failed. The Reservists, whose home base is Minneapolis St. Paul IAP, Minn., were on rotational duty at Howard AFB, Panama, when alerted to the emergency. They located the boat about 90 miles west of San Jose Costa Rica, and directed a Panamanian cargo vessel to the site for the pickup. The C-130 crew consisted of Capts. Norman A. Rice, Richard W. Curry and George W. Bereza; MSgts. Robert A. Otto and Larry Elit; and, SSgt. Terrence O'Shea

The 934th Airlift Wing, based at Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP/ARS, Minn., prepared 44,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies, which were then flown to Paraguay by a C-5 Galaxy from the 433d AW, Kelly AFB, Tex. In another relief effort, a C-130 Hercules from the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh IAP/ARS, Pa., flew 30,000 pounds of supplies to Haiti. Both flights fell under the Denton Amendment, which allows DoD organizations to transport relief supplies on a space-available basis without charge to the donor or receiver.

15 Mar Cold Response 2020 Exercise, Andoya AB, Norway, is complete. 934 AW deployed 52 operations and maintenance personnel and (2) C-130H3 aircraft to this effort. Objectives were to conduct multi-national joint exercises with a high-intensity combat scenarios in extreme winter conditions. 934 AW conducted 41 sorties as part of this exercise for a total of 103 flight hours.

4 Sep Silver Arrow Exercise complete in Ramstein AB, Germany. 934 AW provided a 3-ship package for this three week exercise where the effectiveness of AFRC C-130H aircraft were assessed, while performing with degraded/denied GPS, degraded/denied communications, in contested European airspace concurrent with a real-time intelligence scenario. Distributed operations were also tested due to COVID-19 mitigation.

In January of 1970, the first C-130 Hercules cargo transport aircraft were delivered to the 934th Airlift Group. Total aircraft assigned is nine. The present aircraft, built by Lockheed Corporation, are E-model C-130 aircraft flown by reservists of the 96th Airlift Squadron and maintained by reservists of the 934th Maintenance Squadron. History The Air Force Reserve has had active units at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport since 1949. In June 1970, the 934th moved to its present location on the north side of the airport. The 934th was activated on February 11, 1963, at Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP. Before that time it was called the 934th Troop Carrier Group, which had a materiel squadron, a combat support squadron and the 96th Troop Carrier Squadron. The group was under the 440th Troop Carrier Wing, headquartered at Milwaukee, Wis. The 96th Squadron has served under the designations of troop carrier, fighter-bomber and airlift squadron since it was constituted on May 25, 1943, at Baier AAF, Ind.

On April 1, 1978, the 934th was placed under the command of the 442nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Richards-Gebaur, Mo. On Oct. 1, 1981, the 934th was transferred to the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas. On April 1, 1985, the 934th was placed under the command of the 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo. On Dec. 31, 1987, the 934th was placed under the command of the 403rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss. The 934th was placed under its present command June 1, 1992.

The 934th has been actively involved in support of the Air Force mission over the last two decades. The group participated for nearly five months in 1992 in Operation Provide Promise, the United Nations humanitarian airlift into Bosnia-Herzegovina, and continued rotations there in 1993 and 1994. Aircraft and personnel from the 934th deploy to Operation Coronet Oak in Panama on a regular basis. Members of the 934th were involved in Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989 and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia in 1993.

The 934th had both personnel and aircraft mobilized and deployed for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Aircrew, aeromedical, aircraft maintenance, medical squadron, aerial port and support personnel deployed to the Persian Gulf, England, Spain and other parts of the United States in 1990 and 1991.

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