

## 30 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 30 Logistics Readiness Squadron is responsible for deploying the 30th SW and all tenant units. These logistics professionals use economical, reliable, and up-to-date procedures to ensure the vehicle fleet is safe, efficient, and environmentally sound in meeting the base's needs. The squadron provides quality travel and transportation at the lowest overall cost. Additionally, it ensures equipment, parts and fuel are readily available to support worldwide contingencies, space and missile operations, and helicopter operations.

### LINEAGE

30 Motor Vehicle Squadron, Depot constituted, 10 Nov 1950

Activated, 16 Nov 1950

Inactivated, 8 Jul 1953

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

4392 Transportation Squadron designated and organized, 21 Jul 1961

30 Motor Vehicle Squadron, Depot reconstituted and consolidated with 4392 Transportation Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Redesignated 30 Transportation Squadron, 19 Nov 1991

Redesignated 30 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 1 Oct 2002

### STATIONS

Kelly AFB, TX, 16 Nov 1950-17 Jan 1951

Burtonwood RAF Station, England, 4 Feb 1951

Burtonwood-Sealand RAF Station, Wales, 20 Apr 1951

Brize Norton RAF Station, England, 27 Jan 1952-8 Jul 1953  
Vandenberg AFB, CA, 21 Jul 1961

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

30 Air Base Group, Depot, 16 Nov 1950-8 Jul 1953  
4392 Aerospace Support Wing (later, 4392 Aerospace Support Group; 4392 Aerospace Support Wing), 21 Jul 1961  
30 Logistics Group, 19 Nov 1991  
30 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jan 1970-30 Jun 1971  
1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975  
1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1976  
1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979  
1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1983  
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986  
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1987  
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1988  
1 Sep 1989-31 Aug 1991  
1 Nov 1991-30 Sep 1993  
1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1996  
1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997  
1 Jan-31 Dec 1997  
1 Jan 1998-30 Sep 1999  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2000  
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2001  
1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2002

## **EMBLEM**



4392 Transportation Squadron emblem: On a gold disc within a narrow gold border, a cross quarterly black and blue charged in pale with three gold annulets, center one having gold wings displayed. Below the emblem a white scroll edged gold. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron. The gold field alludes to the excellence required of assigned personnel the blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations The stylized wheels on the intersecting bands refer to motor vehicle, transportation and vehicle maintenance, traffic management, include terminal services, with the gold wings indicating the Squadron's speed in accomplishment of its assigned functions in support of the SAC mission. The emblem bears the Air Force colors golden yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 10 Jul 1967)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 30 LRS was created on 1 October 2002 at Vandenberg AFB by merging the 30 Transportation Squadron, 30 Supply Flight, and the Logistics Plans Element of 30 Space Wing Plans and Programs Office.

To fully appreciate the immense logistical and operational transportation requirements imposed by the myriad aerospace activities at Vandenberg one must first realize that there are over 2,000 military vehicles operating on the 327 miles of roads which crisscross the 153 square miles that comprise this modern missile base. The responsibility for keeping these wheels turning is the major task confronting the 4392nd Transportation Squadron, commanded, by Lt. Col. James W. Tate.

The true measure of this task cannot be equated to quantities alone, it must also take into consideration the wide diversity of equipment which the men of the 4392<sup>nd</sup> have to maintain and operate. In addition to the normal conglomeration of sedans and trucks found on any military installation, the unit is also faced with the many unique vehicles specifically designed for the specialized programs which dominate the scene at Vandenberg. A fine example is the million dollar Minuteman Missile Transporter Erector which must be ready at all times to support the

almost constant flow of operational ballistic missiles coming to Vandenberg for launch. But this is only part of the picture. Besides keeping all government vehicles in top running condition, the squadron also must provide the base with public transportation facilities similar to the bus and taxi services found in the civilian community.

It provides its own traffic management controls as well as vehicle operations and maintenance personnel and facilities. It runs a trucking and storage service for household goods and all types of freight. It maintains a private motor vehicle bureau, licensing drivers and keeping voluminous records. In essence, the 4392<sup>nd</sup> TS functions much the same as any state government in this respect — but a very efficient one at that. It is no wonder that this is the largest transportation squadron in SAC.

As in all other squadrons assigned to the 4392nd ASG, the men of the 4392nd Transportation Sq. can claim a heritage far beyond the actual life of the unit, albeit unofficially. Although the squadron was first designated and organized July 21, 1961 — when all of the 4392nd units came into existence — on the same day another transportation squadron at Vandenberg (the 392nd) was inactivated and its men and equipment were transferred to the 4392nd.

Since the troops continued on in their same assignment, in fact changed nothing other than the numerical designation of their assigned unit, all thought that the whole procedure was merely another example of the “numbers game” prevalent in the military: a unit redesignation. Unfortunately, so far as history and lineage were concerned, they had no connection with their former unit. Regardless of the record they had made during those early, hectic days at Cooke AFB when the long unused Army training Post was being converted into a modern missile center, they could claim no history, no lineage, not even the emblem from the squadron they had been part of for so many years. Interestingly, the present squadron commander, Colonel Tate, also had been commander of the old 392nd TS up until nine months before the switchover. And both of the units he commanded won the Vandenberg Commander’s Trophy so often that each gained permanent possession: the 392<sup>nd</sup> in 1961; the 4392nd in 1963. From a time when it had less than 50 military vehicles in its motor pool up until 1959, the base transportation squadron has grown until it is now the largest unit of its kind in SAC, if not in the United States Air Force.

Every day it performs maintenance on about 90. vehicles, repairs or replaces 50 tires, uses about 4,000 gallons of gasoline, and drives an average of 43,000 miles. When one considers that this results in an annual rate of about 15.6 million miles travelled, the fact that the squadron had no reportable government vehicle accidents in all of 1968 is a clear indication of the outstanding manner in which this unit performs its vital mission at Vandenberg.

The emblem for the 4392<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Sq. is the most recently approved one for all Vandenberg units having been authorized July 10, 1967. This is an excellent example of the current trend toward heraldic symbolism in Air Force insignia in preference to the conglomerate pictorial designs used in many of the earlier unit emblems. Originally the squadron had submitted its own conglomerate replete with 21/’ ton trucks, gas cans and other paraphernalia, but the Heraldic Section of Hq USAF substituted the present design which was accepted by the squadron

and finally approved. The official description provided with the emblem refers to the three golden yellow rings as wheels, though they more resemble tires, to signify motor vehicle transportation and specifically its three basic elements “vehicle maintenance, traffic management and terminal services.” The gold wings projecting from the center wheel indicates the squadron’s speed of accomplishment in its assigned functions supporting SAC’s mission. The black and dark blue intersecting bands in the background appear to be a stylized representation of a highway intersection, but the official description fails to assign any special significance or description to the design. The gold field in the quadrants of the disc alludes to the excellence of performance required of transportation personnel in their assigned duties.” Under the disc is a white scroll outlined in Air Force golden yellow upon which is displayed the unit’s numerical designation. Should the squadron desire a personal motto and it is approved by Hq USAF, it could be displayed here with a second scroll added to the upper edge of the disc to accommodate the numerical designator.

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