

45 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

45 Airlift Squadron mission was providing operational airlift support training to pilots in C-12C/F Huron and C-21A Learjet aircraft

LINEAGE

45 Transport Squadron constituted, 30 May 1942
Activated, 15 Jun 1942
Redesignated 45 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945
Redesignated 45 Airlift Flight, 1 Apr 1993
Activated, 1 May 1993
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 45 Airlift Squadron, 21 Mar 1994
Activated, 1 Jul 1994
Redesignated 45 Airlift Flight, 1 Oct 1999
Redesignated 45 Airlift Squadron, 9 Jul 2001

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 15 Jun 1942
Bowman Field, KY, 20 Jun 1942

Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942
Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep-10 Nov 1942
Egypt, 25 Nov 1942
Libya, Mar 1943
Nouvion, Algeria, 24 May 1943
Guercif, French Morocco, 28 May 1943
Enfidaville, Tunisia, 21 Jun 1943
Mazara, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943
Borizzo, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943-12 Feb 1944
Cottesmore, England, 15 Feb 1944-May 1945
Pope Field, NC, May 1945
Baer Field, IN, 20 Jun-15 Aug 1945
Kipapa Airfield, TH, 9 Sep 1945
Wheeler Field, TH, 29 Sep-20 Dec 1945
Camp Anza, CA, 26 Dec 1945
Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 May-1 Oct 1993
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

316 Transport (later, 316 Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942
I Troop Carrier Command, May-26 Dec 1945
2 Operations Group, 1 May-1 Oct 1993
81 Training Group, 1 Jul 1994
314 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1999.

ATTACHMENTS

VI Air Service Area Command, 9 Sep-20 Dec 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
C-46, 1945
Unkn, 1993
C-12, 1994-1999
C-21, 1994

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 15 Jun-Dec 1942
Maj William N. Dekker, By Dec 1942
Lt Col Mars Lewis, By May 1944
Maj James L. Hoggatt (Acting), 25 Mar 1945
Capt Robert I. Simkins, 1 May 1945
Capt Michael Brenkus, 11 Dec-26 Dec 1945
Unkn, 1 May-1 Oct 1993
Lt Col Michael L. Rogers, 1 Jul 1994

Lt Col Scott E. Lewis, 15 Jul 1996
Lt Col Dann C. Mcdonald, 1 Jul 1998
Lt Col Mark D. Audiss, 1 Oct 1999
Lt Col Mark J. Schmitz, 16 Nov 2000
Lt Col Michael A. Torino, 16 May 2003
Lt Col Christopher Miceli, 25 May 2005
Lt Col Mickey D. Tate, 7 Feb 2007
Maj Karl D. Zurbrugg, 3 Jan 2008
Lt Col Jimmy R. Canlas, 22 May 2008
Lt Col Scott M. Nishwitz, 22 Mar 2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Egypt-Libya
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943
Sicily, 11 Jul 1943
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

EMBLEM



Approved, 5 Jun 1995

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation of personnel (including casualties), supplies, and equipment in MTO and ETO, Nov 1942-Apr 1945.

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