

55 AEROMEDICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

55 Ferrying Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1942
Activated, 16 Sep 1942
Redesignated 55 Transport Squadron, 24 Mar 1943
Disbanded, 13 Oct 1943
Reconstituted and redesignated 55 Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, 16 Jul 1952
Activated, 20 Jul 1952
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Mar 1960
Redesignated 55 Military Airlift Squadron activated and organized, 8 Jan 1966
Discontinued, 24 Dec 1968
Redesignated 55 Aeromedical Airlift Squadron and organized, 24 Dec 1968
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Camp Luna, New Mexico, 16 Sep 1942
Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, Oct 1942 – 13 Oct 1943
Kelly AFB, Texas, 20 Jul 1952
Travis AFB, California, 20 Oct 1953 - 8 Mar 1960
Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany, 8 Jan 1966
Ramstein Air Base, Germany, 1 Jul - 1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

16 Ferrying Group (later 16th Transport Group), 16 Sep 1942 – 13 Oct 1943
1700 Air Transport Group, 20 Jul 1952

1501 Air Transport Group, 20 Oct 1953 – 8 March 1960
439 Military Airlift Group 8 Jan 1966 – 24 Dec 1968
7310 Tactical Airlift Wing, 24 Dec 1968
322 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jan 1970
435 Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Mar 1975
435 Tactical Airlift Group, 30 Sep 1978
435 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1980
435 Operations Group, 1 Apr 1992
86 Operations Group, 1 Jul - 1 Oct 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-97, 1953-1960
C-131, 1966
C-119, 1966
C-9

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Morris E. Mansell, Jr.
Maj Ray L. Sears

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 May 1967-13 Jun 1967
1 Apr 1970-30 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1970-30 Nov 1971
1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991
2 Aug 1990-31 Mar 1991
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1992

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OPERATIONS

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