

65 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

65 Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 7 Dec 1942
Activated, 12 Dec 1942
Inactivated, 27 Jan 1946
Activated in the Reserve, 9 Aug 1947
Redesignated 65 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 Apr 1951
Inactivated, 1 Jan 1953
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 1953
Ordered to active service, 28 Oct 1962
Relieved from active duty, 28 Nov 1962
Discontinued, and inactivated, 1 Jul 1966
Redesignated 65 Airlift Squadron, 20 Feb 1992
Activated, 10 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 12 Dec 1942
Alliance, NE, 18 Dec 1942
Pope Field, NC, 3 May 1943
Baer Field, IN, 19 Jun-14 Jul 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 26 Jul 1943 (air echelon operated from Tsili Tsili, New Guinea, 18 Sep- 31 Oct 1943)
Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Oct 1943 (air echelon operated from Tadj, New Guinea, 3 May-2 Jun 1944)

Biak, 18 Oct 1944 (air echelon operated from Hill Field, Mindoro, 24 Jan-27 Feb 1945)
Morotai, 27 Feb 1945
Dulag, Leyte, 15 Jul 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 27 Jan 1946
Richmond AAB, VA, 9 Aug 1947
Portland, OR, 27 Jun 1949-29 Mar 1952
Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1952-1 Jan 1953
Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 1 Jan 1953
Paine AFB, WA, 15 Apr 1955
Davis Field, OK, 16 Nov 1957-1 Jul 1966
Hickam AFB, HI, 10 Mar 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

403 Troop Carrier Group, 12 Dec 1942
Fifth Air Force, 26 Jul 1943
54 Troop Carrier Wing, 13 Aug 1943
433 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Nov 1943
403 Troop Carrier Group, 20 Feb 1945-27 Jan 1946
419 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Aug 1947
403 Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-1 Jan 1953
403 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jan 1953
442 Troop Carrier Group, 16 Nov 1957
403 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959
929 Troop Carrier Group, 11 Jan 1963-1 Jul 1966
15 Air Base Wing, 10 Mar 1992
15 Operations Group, 13 Apr 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943-1945
C-46, 1944-1945
C-46, 1947-1952
C-119, 1952
C-119, 1953-1966
C-135, 1992
C-37

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Malcolm J. Long Jr., 20 Dec 1942
Maj Marvin O. Calliham, 27 Dec 1942
Maj Donald G. Anderson, 13 Nov 1944
Maj Elmer F. Hauser, Sep 1945
Unkn, Nov 1945-27 Jan 1946
Unkn, 9 Aug 1947-1951
Maj Gilbert G. Tipton, By 1 Oct 1951

Maj Richard E. Knie By Apr-Dec 1952
Unkn, 1 Jan 1953-1959
Lt Col Ralph M. Lain, By Apr 1959
Lt Col Claude Sledd Jr., C. 11 Jan 1963
Lt Col William E. Stealey, By Dec 1963
Lt Col Claude Sledd Jr., By Jun 1964-Unkn
Lt Col James E. Stieber, 10 Mar 1992
Lt Col Don W. Merritt, 24 Apr 1992
Lt Col Gerry D. Wolfe, 2 Sep 1994
Lt Col Gary W. Stephens, 18 Jun 1996
Lt Col John H. Elder Iii, 1 Dec 1997
Lt Col Thomas G. Philipkosky, 10 Nov 1999
Lt Col Joseph Lenertz, 28 Jun 2001
Lt Col Lance Lindsley, 19 Jun 2003
Lt Col Robert S. Holba, 20 Jan 2005
Lt Col Robert R. Howe, 3 Aug 2006
Lt Col James D. Golden, 4 Sep 2008

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines

Korea
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Laguna de Bay, Luzon, 23 Feb 1945
Philippine Islands, 17 Apr-30 Jun 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

10 Mar 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1995-1 Aug 1997

2 Aug 1997-1 Aug 1999

29 Nov 1999-30 Nov 2001

1 Nov 2002-31 Oct 2004; 1 Nov 2004-31 Oct 2006; 1 Nov 2006-31 Oct 2007.

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation [1952]

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Approved, 27 Nov 1992

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OPERATIONS

Aerial transportation and evacuation in South and Southwest Pacific, 26 Jul 1943-Aug 1945; and in Korea, 9 May-31 Dec 1952. Worldwide aerial transportation, 1992.

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