

82 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The wartime mission of the 82 Aerial Port Squadron is to deploy trained personnel and serviceable equipment providing augmentation-stand-alone aerial port support at aerial ports of embarkation/debarkation or unit move onload/offload locations. Our responsibilities include cargo processing, aircraft loading, joint inspections (JI), mobility load team supervision, engine running offload (ERO), home station and deployed air terminal operations center (ATOC), airlift control element (ALCE), transportation control unit (TCU), departure airlift control group operations (DACG), and passenger service and command. Additional equipment will be provided at deployment locations.

LINEAGE

82 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, on 22 Mar 1960

Organized in the Reserve on 8 Jun 1960

Redesignated 82 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Jul 1967

Ordered to Active Service, 13 May 1968

Relieved from Active Duty (Returned to the Reserve), 12 Dec 1968

STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 8 Jun 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

2562 Air Reserve Center, 8 Jun 1960

2479 Air Force Reserve Sector, 1 Jul 1961

Sixth Air Force Reserve Region. 1 Jul 1965

60 Military Airlift Wing, 13 May 1968

Sixth Air Force Reserve Region, 12 Dec 1968

Western Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969; 349th Military Airlift (later 349th Airlift) Wing
(Associate), 1 Aug 1973

349 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Charles Melton

Col Charles Ary

Lt Col Richard Roach

Col Albert L. Tweltridge III

Lt Col Michael Houston

Lt Col Raymond Vizzone

Lt Col Sandra L. Yope, and

Lt Col Timothy O'Brien

Maj Michael Mitchener

Maj Mark G. Fratrack, 25 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

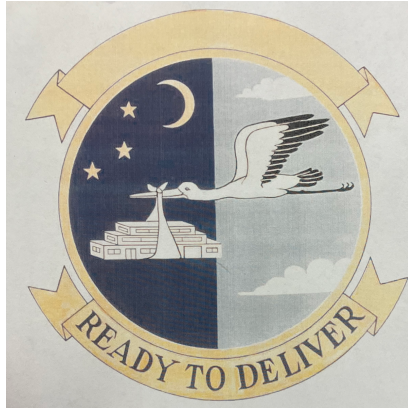
1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-15 Aug 1995

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

2 Jul 1966-12 Dec 1968

EMBLEM



82 Air Terminal Squadron emblem: On a disc parted per pale Air Force blue in dexter (and grotto blue in sinister) a stork flying per fess carrying over its beak a wrapper containing a pyramided three story building rendered in perspective all white detailed black, between in sinister two white cloud formations issuant fesswise one in chief and one in base and in dexter chief a quarter moon and three stars all Air Force yellow: all within a narrow border of the last edged Air Force blue. Above an Air Force yellow scroll edged Air Force blue and below a like scroll inscribed in Air Force blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is Symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The building represents a terminal with the large door referring to the freight section and the small door to the passenger section, The flying stork carrying the terminal depicts the unit and its readiness to deliver the necessities, with the light and deep blue back- ground indicating this readiness extends through day and night. The emblem bears the Air Force colors golden yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 16 Jul 1964)



On a disc parted per Air Force light blue in sinister and ultramarine blue in dexter, an eagle carrying the globe rendered in perspective Air Force cobalt blue and Air Force Yellow, between in sinister two white cloud formations. A quarter-moon and five stars all in Air Force Yellow in dexter; all within a narrow border of the last edged black. Above an Air Force yellow scroll edged black inscribed in Air Force blue letters and below a like scroll inscribed in Air Force blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of The squadron and its mission.

The Hying eagle carrying the globe symbolizes the units commitment to excellence and devotion to duty and its readiness to deliver the necessities, with the light and deep blue background indicating this readiness extends through day and night. The globe represents support to the worldwide Air Force mission. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue.



On a disc per pale Azure and Celeste (Bluebird), an American eagle volant Proper, in dexter chief a crescent moon above a spray of four mullets one and three, all Or, issuing from sinister chief a cloud formation Argent, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "READY TO DELIVER" in Blue letter. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "82D AERIAL PORT SQ" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 soaring eagle with outstretched wings represents the unit's commitment to excellence, devotion to duty and readiness to deliver the necessities. The split light and dark blue background represent the day and night operation in support of the mission. The four stars and a quarter moon represent the night sky and the stars as navigation aids. 29 Jun 2004

MOTTO

READY TO DELIVER

OPERATIONS

President Lyndon B. Johnson mobilized Air Force Reserve airlift forces in January 1968 in response to the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo. On 13 May, to replace shortages in the Strategic Reserve, the Air Force mobilized three aerial port squadrons. The aerial port units involved were: 82d APS (Travis AFB, CA). 86th APS (McChord AFB, WA), and the 88th APS (McGuire AFB, NJ). The three aerial port squadrons were assimilated into Military Airlift Command aerial port operations at Travis, McChord, and McGuire, but members of the 88th

APS deployed on temporary duty to the Republic of Korea in July to augment aerial port organizations.

The 82nd Air Terminal Squadron was called to active duty from 13 May 1968 to 12 December 1968 in support of the Pueblo Incident; released from extended active duty on December 12, 1968.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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