

26 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 26 APS proved difficult for the 220 assigned members. Their mission was to mobilize and deploy quality trained personnel with serviceable equipment, establish a stand-alone aerial port and provide aerial port augmentation at ports of embarkation or debarkation anywhere in the world within 48 hours-notice.

LINEAGE

16 Air Cargo Resupply Squadron constituted, 21 Jun 1945

Activated, 30 Jun 1945

Disbanded, 15 Nov 1945

Reconstituted and redesignated 26 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 17 Mar 1983

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1983

Redesignated 26 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Apr 1985

STATIONS

Lawson Field, GA, 30 Jun-15 Nov 1945

Kelly (later Kelly Fld Annex, Lackland; Joint Base San Antonio) TX, 1 Oct 1983

ASSIGNMENTS

I Troop Carrier Command, 30 Jun 1945

50 Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Oct- 15 Nov 1945

433 Tactical Airlift (Later, 433 Military Airlift; 433 Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1983

433 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

433 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

12 Sep 2000-11 Sep 2002

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

1 Jul 2007-31 Dec 2008

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OPERATIONS

1983 26 APS was previously the 16th Air Corps Resupply Squadron, disbanded since 15 November 1945. Under the new restructuring, the manning increased by 17 air cargo members.

1983 The Alamo Wing, with pending news they would transition to strategic airlift in early 1984 with the C-5 Galaxy, went through a giant change affecting mission requirements, looks and manpower like no other unit assigned to the Air Force Reserve. With the new mission requirements, the wing bid farewell to the 433d Mobile Aerial Port Squadron in October and activated the 26th Aerial Port Squadron (APS).

1992 More than 200 reservists from the Alamo Wing participated in Exercise Battle-Axe 92-2 in April. The joint mobility exercise conducted in conjunction with Kelly AFB, Battle-Axe called for deploying forces and their equipment to the Middle East in order to replace forces involved in Provide Comfort and an operation to help the Kurdish people in northern Iraq. The exercise involved reservists from the 26th Aerial Port Squadron, 74th Aerial Port Squadron, 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 433d Communication Squadron, 433d Support Group, 404th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the Headquarters Squadron.

The 26th Aerial Port Squadron was selected to take complete responsibility for all inbound and outbound air traffic coming to Kelly AFB, including transportation, fleet and passenger services. The unit supported tasking in Tazsar, Russia, Prince Sultan, Southwest Asia, Ramstein AB and Rhein-Main, Germany and Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

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