

# 137 AIRLIFT CONTROL FLIGHT

## **MISSION**

The mission is to enhance global reach by serving our nation, state and community through the unique capabilities of the 137th Air Refueling Wing and the 205<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron.

## **LINEAGE**

137<sup>th</sup> Airlift Control Flight, Sep 1993

## **STATIONS**

Oklahoma City, OK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC George Soupene

LTC Roger Groves

LTC Lloyd Tidwell, May 1995

LTC Jon L. Scott

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

During the month of Apr 1982 authorization was received for the formation of the new Airlift Control Element (ALCE) under the 137th Tac Alft Wg. The unit was authorized three officers and seven enlisted personnel. The unit consisted of three Airfield Management Specialist, three Loadmasters, one Administrations Specialist and two Operations Officers. The primary mission of the "ALCE" was to provide command and control (C2) of MAC airlift forces at world-wide, austere locations where no formal C2 function exists.

In September of 1993 the element became a Flight under the jurisdiction of the Air Combat Command (ACC). The new Flight was then commanded by Lt Col Roger Groves and grew to fourteen personnel with the addition of the Communications and AGE functions. The primary mission of the "TALCE" (Tanker/Airlift Control Element) today remains the same except for an increased emphasis on establishing and maintaining short and long range communications (C3).

In its short history, the 137 ALCF has served at locations throughout the United States and in Korea, Thailand, Honduras, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Croatia. It has participated in numerous exercises and contingencies to include Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Provide Promise, and a call up for Just Cause. The unit has also assisted with humanitarian relief efforts in the Oklahoma City bombing, Hurricane Iniki, 1992 Los Angeles Riots and the 1987 massive earthquake in Ecuador.

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