

322nd TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

322nd Tactical Airlift Wing established, 21 Nov 1969

Activated, 1 Jan 1970

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1975

STATIONS

Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 1 Jan 1970-30 Jun 1975

ASSIGNMENTS

Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jan 1970-30 Jun 1975

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-118, 1970-1972

C-130, 1970-1975

C-131, 1970-1972

VC-118, 1971-1972

C-9, 1972-1975

KC-135, 1970-1974

C-47, 1970-1972, 1973

VC-54, 1970

T/ VT-29, 1970-1975

C-135, 1972, 1974

UH-1, 1973

C-131, 1973-1975

VC-131, 1973-1974

COMMANDERS

Col Wilbert Turk, 1 Jan 1970

BG Thomas M. Sadler, 30 Aug 1971

Col Cornelius Nugteren, 12 Feb 1974-30 Jun 1975

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Replaced 7310th TAW on 1 Jan 1970. From Jan 1970 to Jun 1975, used rotational C-130 squadrons for tactical airlift in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Used C-118s and C-131s for aeromedical airlift until late 1972, then shifted to C-9As for this work. Continued aeromedical airlift operations through Mar 1975. Used KC-135 (VIP equipped) to provide transportation for CINCUSAFE until early 1973, followed by KC-135B until early 1974 and by C-135C thereafter. Used VT-29 aircraft to support Air Force North (AFNORTH), a NATO component. In Mar 1973, the wing gained the 7th Special Operations Squadron, equipped with C-47, UH-1H, and C-130E aircraft, all but the C-130s transferred a few months later, to conduct unconventional warfare operations in Europe. Wing replaced by 435th TAW in Jun 1975.

Air Force Order of Battle

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