

## 436 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 436 Aerial Port Squadron's primary mission is to provide airlift support for the movement of cargo, mail and passengers to support the operations directed by the President of the United States, the Department of Defense or the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as providing airlift support of worldwide humanitarian efforts, exercises, contingencies and emergencies.

The squadron is composed of seven flights. The freight flight is responsible for all activities associated with cargo movement. They are an integral part of the supply lifeline, responsible for moving thousands of tons of personal property and cargo to overseas locations and cargo returning from overseas for onward movement in CONUS. The flight can handle anything from a one-pound box to explosives to large, bulky items like tanks which require unique or specialized handling techniques and movement on C-5 only.

The air terminal operations center is the 24-hour/day nerve center of the port, coordinating all SuperPort functions to ensure cargo and passengers get on the aircraft at the appropriate time. They produce load plans for the aircraft, manage the backlog of cargo to be airlifted, and work with the chartered commercial airlift operators that transit Dover. Additionally, they are responsible for the loading and downloading of military and commercial cargo aircraft. They conduct a symphony of movements for more than 800 aircraft per month with a 99.8 percent on time departure reliability rate.

Fleet Service provides all comfort items like pillows and blankets to passengers on the aircraft and delivers meals from the in-flight kitchen. They service the aircraft latrines, refuse and water systems as well. Innovative efforts such as the Autoclave have saved the government hundreds of thousands of dollars in disposal cost during the past year and led to an environmentally friendly effect as well. Passenger Service handles over 150,000 visitors per year, most of which are Space Available travelers coming through the terminal during the summer months. The

SuperPort offers a new, state-of-the-art \$5.9 million, 35,000 square foot facility complete with a 24-hour snack bar, computer terminals with free internet access, U.S. Customs, Immigrations, and Department of Agriculture offices, a travel agency, on-site Traffic Management Office, crib room, parents room, USO, and more. The Pax team garnered recognition as Outstanding AMC Passenger Services Operation of the Year for 1997.

The TMO is much larger here than at similar bases. Normally under the transportation squadron, TMO is attached to the port because of the excessive amounts of cargo freight business. TMO provides packing and crating, personal property, and passenger reservation services. The flight also supports personal property storage for all of Delaware, eight counties in Maryland, and some of the Washington D.C. moves.

The combat readiness and resources flight maintains all APS plans and emergency action checklists and data on the status of all personnel on mobility. All taskings for temporary duty assignments or deployments of personnel and equipment are passed by HQ AMC through TRX for action. They also operate the customer service branch which is the main interface with shippers across the DOD and the unit learning center which supports the training requirements of assigned personnel.

The mobility flight is tasked to provide three 33-man teams capable of rapid deployment anywhere in the world to support AMC airlift missions. This battle-ready team has the equipment and training to go into austere environments, even under fire, to accomplish the mission whether it be unloading aircraft or conducting other emergency operations. The flight averages 180 days TDY per person per year in support of global reach requirements.

#### **LINEAGE**

436 Aerial Port Squadron constituted, 27 Dec 1965  
Organized, 8 Jan 1966

#### **STATIONS**

Dover AFB, DE, 8 Jan 1966

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

436 Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991  
436 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002  
436 Maintenance Group, 30 Sep 2010

#### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Wesley R. Bunker, 8 Jan 1966  
Col William T. Johnson, Mar 1967  
Lt Col William A. Buckley, Oct 1967  
Col Rayvon Burlison, 20 May 1968  
Col Thomas E. Dye, Sep 1968

Col Frank L. Cox, 1 Aug 1970  
Col Robert F. Henry, 3 Jan 1971  
Col Melvin H. Andrews, 18 Jan 1971  
Col R. L. Chaney, Jul 1972  
Col Dale C. Casebier, Jun 1973  
Col Otto L. Marsh, 1 Sep 1973  
Col Ruel J. Neely, 2 Mar 1975  
Col Robert E. Todd, Nov 1977  
Col Gordon S. Pink, Sep 1980  
Col Marshall E. Daniel, Jr., 22 Jan 1982  
Col Jay A. Dillinger, May 1983  
Col Jerry A. Grant, 8 Aug 1984  
Col David A. Powell, 9 Jul 1986  
Col Richard B. Fabbre, 1 Nov 1989  
Col James E. Etzel, 1 Dec 1991  
Lt Col John L. Wiggington, 11 Mar 1992  
Lt Col John S. Newton, 16 Aug 1993  
Col Craig K. MacPherson, 28 Sep 1995  
Lt Col Raymond J. Hebert, 6 Jun 1997  
Lt Col Paul S. Curtis, Aug 1998  
Lt Col Michael T. Friedlein, 16 Jun 2000  
Lt Col Zyna C. Captain, Jul 2002  
Lt Col John T. Rausch, Jul 2004  
Lt Col Brain J. Fletcher, 2 Jun 2006  
Lt Col William C. Peterson, 6 Aug 2008  
Lt Col William T. Webb, 7 Jul 2010  
Lt Col Heather A. Cook,  
Lt Col Jared P. Belcher, 8 Jul 2014  
Captain Sabrina N. Winter, 15 Jun 2016  
Major David M. Linton, 16 Jul 2016  
Lt Col Lawrence A. Smith, II, 12 Jul 2018  
Lt Col Jerry W. Yarrington, Jr., 9 Jul 2020

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Southwest Asia Service Medal Streamer  
Defense of Saudi Arabia: 2 Aug 1990 – 16 Jan 1991  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait: 17 Jan to 11 Apr 1991

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award  
1 Jan 2012 – 31 Dec 2012

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:**

13 Nov – 18 Dec 1967  
1 Jan 1968 – 31 Dec 1969  
1 Sep 1971 – 30 Jun 1972  
13 Oct – 14 Nov 1973  
1 Jan 1974 – 30 Apr 1975  
1 May 1975 – 31 May 1976  
1 Jun 1976 – 31 May 1978  
1 Jun 1978 – 31 May 1979  
1 Jun 1982 – 31 May 1984  
1 Aug 1992 – 31 Jul 1994  
1 Jul 1997 – 30 Jun 1999  
1 Jul 2000 – 30 Jun 2001  
1 Jul 2001 – 30 Jun 2002  
1 Jul 2002 – 30 Jun 2003  
1 Jul 2003 – 30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2004 – 30 Jun 2005  
1 Sep 2007 – 31 Aug 2009  
1 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2010  
1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2011  
1 Jan 2013 – 30 Sep 2014  
1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2017  
1 Oct 2017 – 30 Sep 2019  
1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020

**EMBLEM**



On a disc divided per fess medium blue and green, two blue chevrons, one issuing from base and on from chief conjoined in fess, both fimbriated gold surmounting three white bars wavy in fess below two white cloud formations fesswise, one issuing from dexter and one issuing from sinister. Below the wavy pattern in the dexter and sinister sides a gold winged wheel. On the chevron in chef between two white flight symbols ascending a white parachute and package in decent, the parachute striped and detailed in gold. On the chevron in base two gold lightning streaks chevronwise: the disc within a gold border. Emblem between two blue scrolls edged gold, -- lower scroll inscribed in gold capital letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The background of sky, water and land, denotes the unit's location when organized and the deep blue refers to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and alludes to the squadron's day and night around-the-clock capabilities. The chevrons are representative of strength in support, with the flight symbols and parachute indicating aerial delivery; the winged wheels, material handling; and the lightning, swiftness of movement; signify the unit's mission and speed of accomplishment. The emblem bears the Air Force colors gold and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 2 Aug 1966)

#### **MOTTO**

AEROSPACE MOBILITY

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 436th Aerial Port Squadron is recognized around the world as the "SuperPort" for providing superb airlift support to worldwide destinations. The SuperPort continually demonstrates exceptional capability to meet the nation's airlift support needs. During Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, the port handled 26 percent of all airlifted cargo sent to Southwest Asia. Similarly, all cargo sent to Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia as well as humanitarian efforts and many other critical operations was processed and loaded by SuperPort personnel. Most recently, the SuperPort energized to process and move tons of cargo to Southwest Asia to thwart Iraq's escalating threat of hostilities in the Gulf region.

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