

721 AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

608 Military Airlift Group established, 1 Jul 1983
Activated, 1 Aug 1983
Redesignated 608 Airlift Support Group, 1 Jun 1992
Redesignated 621 Air Mobility Support Group, 1 Jul 1994
Redesignated 721 Air Mobility Operations Group, 15 Mar 2001

STATIONS

Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Aug 1983

ASSIGNMENTS

322 Airlift Division, 1 Aug 1983
Twenty-First Air Force (later, 21 Expeditionary Mobility Task Force), 1 Apr 1992
521 Air Mobility Operations Wing, 4 Sep 2008.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

VC-140, 1983-1986
VC-135, 1983-1992
C-12, 1983-1992
C-21, 1984-1992
C-23, 1984-1990
C-20, 1987-1992
T-43, 1988-1992
C-135

UH-1

COMMANDERS

Col Leonard J. Augustine, 1 Aug 1983

Col Vernon L. Pellman, Jr., 19 May 1986

Col James M. Murphy, 20 May 1989

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism: GWOT-S

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2011

1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2012

1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2014

1 Oct 2014-30 Sep 2015

1 Oct 2015-30 Sep 2016

1 Oct 2016-30 Sep 2017

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1983-31 Jul 1985

1 Apr 1990-31 Mar 1992

1 Apr 1992-31 Mar 1994

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jan-31 Dec 2002

1 Jan 2003-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2006- 30 Sep 2007

1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010

EMBLEM



Per bend sinister Silver Gray and Celeste, issuing from base a demi-globe Azure gridlined Or and in chief four mullets Argent, overall a lightning flash bend–sinisterwise of the fourth interlaced by a flight symbol fesswise of the fifth, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “721ST AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS GROUP” 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 globe and four stars represent the unit’s theater of operation--Atlantic Area, Europe, Middle East and Africa. The flight symbol signifies the airlift missions the unit supports, and where it touches the ground represents the ground support provided by aerial port and maintenance personnel. The lightning flash depicts the flow and continuity of the Air Mobility Command System, passing through the flight symbol, demonstrating the interaction of aircrew, command and control, and ground support functions which, though separate, are dependent on each other for successful mission accomplishment. (Approved, 10 Jun 1985; newest rendition approved, 28 Oct 2007)

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OPERATIONS

Airlift within Europe and between Europe and other theaters, 1983-1992.

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Sources

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