

730 AIR MOBILITY SQUADRON



MISSION

The squadron is part of AMC's en route system to provide fixed and deployed maintenance, aerial port and command and control support to deployed AMC forces. The squadron's mission is to provide critical en route services to deployed forces worldwide.

LINEAGE

630 Military Airlift Support Squadron constituted, 25 Nov 1968
Activated, 24 Dec 1968
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1975
Redesignated 630 Air Mobility Support Squadron, 26 May 1994
Activated, 1 Jul 1994
Redesignated 730 Air Mobility Squadron, 15 Mar 2001

STATIONS

Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 24 Dec 1968-30 Jun 1975
Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

435 Military Airlift Support Wing, 24 Dec 1968-30 Jun 1975
615 Air Mobility Support (later, 715 Air Mobility Operations) Group, 1 Jul 1994
515 Air Mobility Operations Group, 5 Jun 2008

COMMANDERS

Col James Newton, 1970
Col Warren Hess, 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

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 2011-30 Sep 2013

EMBLEM

Approved, 15 Nov 1994

MOTTO**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Prior to the 435th OMS/Enroute section, Enroute existed in the form of the 630th MASS (Military Airlift Support Squadron). The base with the C-130 tactical airlift and the C-131 medical airlift squadrons were USAFE owned and MAC was a tenant on base. All commercial planes landed on the flughafen side and we were bused to the base and the pax terminal which was located where freight is near Pit-4.

The 630th Air Mobility Squadron was one of Air Mobility Command's primary Pacific hubs for air traffic. It was AMC's senior activity at Yokota and it represented other AMC organizations in the Pacific including operating locations at Fukuoka Airport and Misawa Air Base, Japan. The 630th supported all strategic/commercial airlift throughout the Pacific. The air transportation function operated the primary U.S. aerial port in Japan, providing support to U. S. military passengers and cargo arriving or departing from Yokota.

Prior to being activated as the 730th AMS, the squadron was designated as the 630th Air Mobility Support Squadron [AMSS]. The change in designation became effective on March 15, 2001, when the 630th AMSS was inactivated and the 730th AMS activated at Yokota AB. The change was enacted to better reflect the role of the unit as more operational than support oriented.

A new mechanized materials system is now operational at Yokota AB, Japan, giving the mobility hub more capacity and speed to process cargo operations in theater, according to a Pacific Air Forces release. The \$32 million system replaces an older system first delivered in 1992 and speeds up and automates the processing of cargo, so mobility airmen can get missions off the ramp faster, said Lt. Col. Wes Adams, 730th Air Mobility Squadron commander. The new MMHS slashes loading times by nearly a third, going from four hours to only one, according to Yokota officials. An enclosed system now protects up to 265 pallets from weather conditions, and there are more staging docks for cargo, with 16 docks now available as opposed to only six previously. Now the facility can position up to 96 pallets at once for transit to waiting aircraft. Similar systems are in place at Ramstein AB, Germany; Dover AFB, Del., and JB Charleston, S.C., but the Yokota MMHS is currently the only system operating in the Asia-Pacific. Yokota is a large cargo hub for freight transiting to and from US bases in theater, and its capacity and airmen are frequently called upon to support major humanitarian airlift operations. 2015

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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