

## 734 AIR MOBILITY SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

634 Air Mobility Support Squadron  
734 Air Mobility Squadron

### **STATIONS**

Andersen AFB, Guam

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC James Drape

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

### **EMBLEM**

On An Air Force blue disc with an Air Force yellow scroll background and bordered light blue, an American eagle in proper colors in flight before a series of five stylized cartons alternately

from emblem's right in Air Force yellow and red, their lower corners meshing with the teeth of a white gear wheel surrounding a portion of a light blue globe with grid lines. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is a symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The gears around the globe meshed with cartons represent the worldwide airlift mission and the smooth operation of the section within the squadron in support of the mission. The eagle alludes to the nation's air power which is supported by all. The emblem bears the national colors of red, white, and blue, and the Air Force colors of gold and ultramarine blue.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATION**

The 734th Air Mobility Squadron, formerly the 605th Airlift Support Squadron, was activated on 27 December 1965 and over the years has supported the DOD conflicts, contingencies, and disaster relief operations in the Pacific and throughout the world. From the Vietnam War to Desert Storm, the 734th has provided a key logistical base for troop and supply movements. The 734th regularly supports DOD exercises and disaster relief operations.

When Mount Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines (June 1991), the squadron moved over 19,000 people through Andersen. When Typhoon Omar struck Guam, the squadron was called upon to act as the reception point for relief supplies. The 734th was also involved in the movement of people for Operation PACIFIC HAVEN, the evacuation of more than 6,000 Kurdish people from Northern Iraq in September 1996.

In the more recent past, the 734th has been involved in the rescue of personnel from the KAL Flight 801 crash in Aug 97 and the massive recovery efforts following Super Typhoon Paka in Dec 97. The squadron sponsors the annual Operation Christmas Drop, a humanitarian aerial delivery of supplies to remote islands in the central Pacific.

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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