

773 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

773 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943

Activated, 1 Aug 1943

Redesignated 773 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, Sep 1944

Inactivated, 25 Sep 1945

Redesignated 773 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 1 Dec 1952

Activated, 16 Jan 1953

Redesignated 773 Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, 1 Apr 1963

Redesignated 773 Troop Carrier Squadron, 8 Dec 1965

Redesignated 773 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Aug 1967

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1971

Activated, 1 Jun 1972

Redesignated 773 Airlift Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1995

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 Aug 1943

Rapid City AAB, SD, 1 Sep 1943

MacDill Field, FL, 5 Nov 1943

Lakeland AAFld, FL, 3 Jan-2 Feb 1944

Celone Airfield, Italy, 15 Mar 1944-25 Sep 1945 (detachment operated from Port Lyautey,
French Morocco, 15 May-2 Sep 1945)

Memphis Muni Aprt, TN, 16 Jan 1953

Ardmore AFB, OK, 17 Aug 1953

Sewart AFB, TN, 15 Jan 1959
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jul 1963-23 Nov 1965
Clark AB, Philippines, 23 Nov 1965-31 Oct 1971
Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Jun 1972-1 Oct 1993
Youngstown-Warren Regional Aprt-ARS, OH, 1 Apr 1995

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Evreux AB, France, 15 Nov 1954-19 May 1955
Clark AB, Philippines, 3 Jan-13 Feb 1961
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 13 Feb-6 Mar 1961
RAF Mildenhall, England, 1 Jun-8 Jul 1972, 16 Sep-31 Oct 1972
Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan, 23 Feb-12 May 1973
RAF Mildenhall, England, 3 Jul-16 Sep 1973, 5 May-17 Jul 1974, and 3 May-16 Jul 1975
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 3 Feb-9 Apr 1976
RAF Mildenhall, England, 3 Nov 1976-15 Jan 1977
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 3 Aug-5 Oct 1977
RAF Mildenhall, England, 19 Sep-1 Dec 1978, 3 Feb-5 Apr 1980, 3 Jun-14 Aug 1981, 3 Oct-7 Dec 1982, 8 Feb-10 Apr 1984, 6 Apr-4 Jun 1985, 9 Dec 1986-3 Feb 1987, 2 Feb-16 Apr 1988, 2 Apr-14 Jun 1989, and 3 Jun-14 Aug 1990

ASSIGNMENTS

463 Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1943-25 Sep 1945
463 Troop Carrier Group, 16 Jan 1953
463 Troop Carrier (later, 463 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 25 Sep 1957-31 Oct 1971
463 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 1972
463 Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991-1 Oct 1993
910 Operations Group, 1 Apr 1995

ATTACHMENTS

463 Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Nov 1954-19 May 1955
315 Air Division, 3 Jan-6 Mar 1961
513 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun-8 Jul 1972 and 16 Sep-31 Oct 1972
374 Tactical Airlift Wing, 23 Feb-12 May 1973
513 Tactical Airlift Wing, 3 Jul-16 Sep 1973, 5 May-17 Jul 1974, and 3 May-16 Jul 1975
322 Air Division, 3 Feb-9 Apr 1976
513 Tactical Airlift Wing, 3 Nov 1976-15 Jan 1977
322 Air Division, 3 Aug-5 Oct 1977
313 Tactical Airlift Group, 19 Sep-1 Dec 1978, 3 Feb-5 Apr 1980, 3 Jun-14 Aug 1981, 3 Oct-7 Dec 1982, 8 Feb-10 Apr 1984, 6 Apr-4 Jun 1985, 9 Dec 1986-3 Feb 1987, 2 Feb-16 Apr 1988, 2 Apr-14 Jun 1989, and 3 Jun-14 Aug 1990

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945
C-119, 1953-1957

C-130, 1956-1971
C-130, 1972-1993
C-130, 1995

COMMANDERS

Cpt James W. Patton, 1 Aug 1943
LTC Dodge H. Dean, 6 Dec 1943
Col William Kincade, c. Jan 1945
LTC William H. Mathews, Feb 1945
Cpt Harold Gazeley, Aug-Sep 1945
Unkn, 16 Jan-Jul 1953
Maj Raymond W. Hinck, Aug 1953
LTC James G. Silliman, 28 May 1954
LTC George F. Owen, Jul 1955
Maj Joseph G. Nellor, 25 Sep 1957
LTC John E. McClure, c. Dec 1957
Maj Robert P. Loughrey, c. Feb 1959
LTC Richard K. O'Hara, 1959
LTC Frank L. Weatherbee, 15 Dec 1960
Col David R. Lewis, 15 Jun 1962
LTC Stephen Mattick, 1 Nov 1965
Col Buford M. Humphries, c. 1 Jan 1968
Col Merle B. Nichols, 21 May 1968
LTC Wilmer A. Van Blaricum, 14 Apr 1969
LTC Sam M. McElroy, 12 Apr 1970
LTC Lawrence H. Duvall Jr., 8 Jul-31 Oct 1971
LTC Donald L. Arth, 1 Jun 1972
LTC Robert N. Adams, by Jun 1973
LTC Thomas S. Spears, 21 Jan 1976
LTC David W. Scott, 31 Aug 1977
LTC James E. Callahan, 16 Feb 1979
LTC Bobby F. McGough, 10 Oct 1980
LTC John D. Woodruff, 14 May 1982
LTC George R. Durham, 14 Oct 1983
LTC Eugene J. Ronsick, 14 Jun 1985
LTC David L. Colver, 17 Jun 1987
LTC Bruce E. Balbin, 16 Jun 1989-unkn
Unkn, 1 Apr 1995-31 Mar 1996 (apparently not manned, 1 Apr-1 Oct 1995)
LTC Richard Galante, 1 Apr 1996

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Ploesti, Rumania, 18 May 1944

Germany, 24 Mar 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Jan 1967-31 May 1968

1 Jun 1968-30 Jun 1969

1 Jul 1970-31 May 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 Dec 1960-1 Apr 1961

1 Jul 1964-15 Jun 1966

26 Nov-16 Dec 1976

1 May 1977-15 Jul 1978

16 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979

1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1997

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Jan 1967-31 May 1971

EMBLEM



Emblem approved, 23 Dec 1957

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 30 Mar 1944-26 Apr 1945. Worldwide airlift, 1953-1971, 1972-1993, and 1995-, including rotational airlift requirements in Europe, 1972-1990. Furnished aircraft and aircrews in Southeast Asia and the Far East, 1965-1971 and to Saudi Arabia in support of the Gulf War, 1991.

Air Force Reserve Command's 910th Airlift Wing inactivated its 773rd Airlift Squadron at Youngstown ARS, Ohio. The standdown ceremony took place on April 6, according to a wing release. A wing spokesman told the Daily Report on Monday that the squadron's inactivation is the result of Air Force force structure changes that reduced the wing's C-130H fleet to eight primary aircraft and one backup asset. "From its beginning, our squadron helped make our nation stronger," said Lt. Col. John Bocchieri, squadron commander, in the release. "The dedication, commitment, and sacrifice that made our success possible [was because of] some of the finest airmen in the country, who serve our nation only because they were asked," he said. AFRC activated the squadron in 1995; among their activities, the unit's airmen and machines supported operations in Afghanistan and Iraq after 9/11, states the release. 2014

4/14/2014 - YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, Ohio -- The Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing held a deactivation ceremony for the 773rd Airlift Squadron here April 6.

The 773rd AS, activated in 1995, was officially deactivated March 31, 2014 by Special Order GB-0005, issued by the Secretary of the Air Force. The deactivation resulted from Air Force structure changes, which reduced the 910th's C-130 aircraft fleet to eight primary and one back-up aircraft. During Sunday's ceremony, in accordance with Air Force tradition, the unit's flag, or guidon, was rolled up and cased. Congressman Tim Ryan of Ohio's 13th district and representatives from the offices of Ohio Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman also attended.

"This squadron has been, since World War II, in the middle of making our military the strongest and best in the world," said Ryan. "(And) just because this squadron (the 773rd) will be inactive, doesn't mean that we are not going to try to increase the mission capability and readiness right here in Youngstown, Ohio."

Nicknamed "The Quiet Professionals", members of the 773rd have deployed worldwide supporting contingency and humanitarian operations. Since 2001, members of the squadron have mobilized numerous times in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The Citizen Airmen operated out of bases in Southwest Asia including isolated airfields in Iraq and Afghanistan to provide airlift and airdrop capability of equipment and personnel.

Lt. Col. John Bocchieri, commander of the 773rd Airlift Squadron, watches while Master Sgt. Jeannette Holland, 773rd Airlift Squadron First Sergeant, and Lt. Col. Don Loomis, 773rd Airlift Squadron Director of Operations, roll up the squadron guidon during a deactivation ceremony for the 773rd Airlift Squadron here, April 6, 2014. The 773rd Airlift Squadron, which was activated as a unit of the 910th Airlift Wing in 1995, was officially deactivated on March 31. The deactivation resulted from Air Force structure changes that reduced the 910th's C-130 aircraft fleet to eight Primary Assigned Aircraft and one Back-up Inventory Aircraft.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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