

935 TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

LINEAGE

935 Troop Carrier Group, Heavy established and activated, 28 Dec 1962
Organized in the reserve, 17 Jan 1963
Redesignated 935 Air Transport Group, Heavy, 1 Dec 1965
Redesignated 935 Military Airlift Group, 1 Jan 1966
Redesignated 935 Tactical Airlift Group, 29 Jun 1971
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1974

STATIONS

Richards Gebaur AFB, MO, 17 Jan 1963-1 Nov 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Air Command, 28 Dec 1962
442 Troop Carrier Wing (later 442 Air Transport Wing, 442 Military Airlift Wing, 442 Tactical Airlift Wing), 17 Jan 1963 – 1 Nov 1974

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-124, 1963–1971
C-130, 1971–1974

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Late in the afternoon of January 23, 1965, a Military Air Transport Service caller asked Maj. Boyce N. Pinson, on duty in the Continental Air Command's operations division, if the Air Force Reserve C-124 force could provide urgently needed airlift into Vietnam. Scratching rapid calculations on a yellow legal pad, Major Pinson committed the Air Force Reserve to provide the Military Air Transport Service with thirteen trips into Saigon. Upon formal confirmation of Pinson's promise, twenty days later a C-124 of the 935th Troop Carrier Group was en route to Saigon from Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri, initiating the Air Force Reserve's Southeast Asia commitment.

The thirteen trips committed by Major Pinson were flown in February and March. In mid-April the airlift command again called for help, this time for all the C-124s that the Air Force Reserve could offer, and reserve crews flew thirty more flights into Saigon by the end of June 1965. Although not seeming like much, the provision of thirty flights in two months was considerable because the combined strength of the five Air Force Reserve C-124 groups involved was a mere twenty aircraft.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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