

## 16th AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE<sup>1</sup>

16th Transport Squadron constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 11 Dec 1940

Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945

Activated, 19 May 1947

Inactivated, 10 Sep 1948

Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Light, 19 Sep 1950

Activated, 5 Oct 1950

Redesignated 16th Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Fixed Wing, 8 Nov 1954

Inactivated, 8 Jul 1955

Redesignated 16th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron, 14 Aug 1969

Activated, 15 Oct 1969

Redesignated 16th Airlift Squadron, 1 Dec 1991

Inactivated, 29 Sep 2000

Activated, 1 Jul 2002

#### STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA, 11 Dec 1940

Portland, OR, 9 Jul 1941

Westover Field, MA, 12 Jun-31 Jul 1942

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Ramsbury, England, 18 Aug-Nov 1942 (operated from Maison Blanche, Algeria, 11 Nov-Dec 1942)

Blida, Algeria, 12 Dec 1942

Kairouan, Tunisia, 28 Jun 1943

El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943

Comiso, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943 (operated from bases in India, 7 Apr-Jun 1944)

Ciampino, Italy, 10 Jul 1944 (operated from Istres, France, 7 Sep-11 Oct 1944)

Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 10 Jan-23 May 1945 (operated from Brindisi, Italy, 29 Mar-13 May 1945) Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun-31 Jul 1945

Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948

Sewart AFB, TN, 5 Oct 1950

Ardmore AFB, OK, 14 Nov 1954-8 Jul 1955

Sewart AFB, TN, 15 Oct 1969

Little Rock AFB, AR, 15 Mar 1970

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1993-29 Sep 2000

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Jul 2002

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

64th Transport (later, 64th Troop Carrier) Group, 11 Dec 1940-31 Jul 1945

64th Troop Carrier Group, 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948

316th Troop Carrier Group, 5 Oct 1950

Eighteenth Air Force (attached to 463rd Troop Carrier Wing), 14 Nov 1954-8 Jul 1955

4442nd Combat Crew Training Wing, 15 Oct 1969

314th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1971

34th Tactical Airlift Training Group, 1 Nov 1978

314th Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991

437th Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993-29 Sep 2000

437th Operations Group, 1 Jul 2002

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47A, 1941-1945

C-119, 1950-1951

YC-122, 1951-1955

H-19, 1952

H-5, 1952

C-130, 1969-1993

C-141, 1993-2000

### **COMMANDERS**

Capt Ralph J. Moore, 11 Dec 1940

1<sup>st</sup> Lt John Cerny, 1 May 1941

Capt Lloyd A. Hardesty, 25 Apr 1942

Maj John Cerny, 16 Jun 1942

Lt Col John H. Champion, 18 May 1943

Capt Long, 4 Sep 1944  
Capt Jack F. Linn, 29 Sep 1944-31 Jul 1945  
None (Not Manned), 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948  
Unkn, 5 Oct 1950-Apr 1951  
Lt Col Earl A. Butts, May 1951  
Maj James S. Hamer, Mar 1952  
Maj Louis P. Lindsay, Mar 1953  
Capt Elden C. Funk, 30 Jun 1953  
Maj Louis P. Lindsay, Dec 1953-8 Jul 1955  
Lt Col George A. Ashbridge, 15 Oct 1969  
Lt Col John D. Hedges, 1 Mar 1970  
Lt Col Ralph A. Yates, 1 Aug 1971  
Lt Col Walter J. Ford, 20 Nov 1972  
Lt Col Delbert A. Emerson Jr., 1 Aug 1973  
Lt Col Jerry D. Livingston, 3 May 1976  
Lt Col James L. Biggs, 10 Mar 1977  
Lt Col Richard W. Blatter, 9 Feb 1979  
Lt Col Robert C. Peck, 14 Nov 1980  
Lt Col Ronald L. Morey, 11 Aug 1982  
Lt Col Robert E. Snyder, 9 Mar 1984  
Lt Col Charles H. Wittrock, 21 Mar 1986  
Lt Col Robert W. Topel, 10 Feb 1988  
Lt Col John L. Martinson, 28 Jul 1989  
Lt Col Paul M. Rouse, 26 Jun 1990  
Lt Col Carl W. Gustke, 25 Jun 1992  
Lt Col Keith A. Feigh, 22 Jun 1993  
Lt Col Charles P. Brooks Jr., 1 Oct 1993  
Lt Col Kip L. Self, 18 Apr 1994  
Lt Col Michael C. Jackson, 1 Mar 1996  
Lt Col Richard J. Richardson, 16 Oct 1997  
Lt Col James J. Wendling, 1 Dec 1998-29 Sep 2000  
Lt Col Patrick Farrell

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II

American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Algeria-French Morocco

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Po Valley  
India-Burma  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

**Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
CBI Theater, 7 Apr-15 Jun 1944

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

30 Sep 1975-30 Jun 1976  
1 Jun 1985-31 May 1986  
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997  
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1998  
1 Jul 1998-29 Sep 2000  
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

**EMBLEM**







On a Yellow disc edged with a narrow Blue border; a Red lion rampant with Red tongue, White wings, grasping in its dexter paw a White short sword with blade up and in its sinister paw a White rolled scroll, all details Black. (Approved, 17 Dec 1980; replaced emblem approved, 25 Jun 1951)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS<sup>2</sup>**

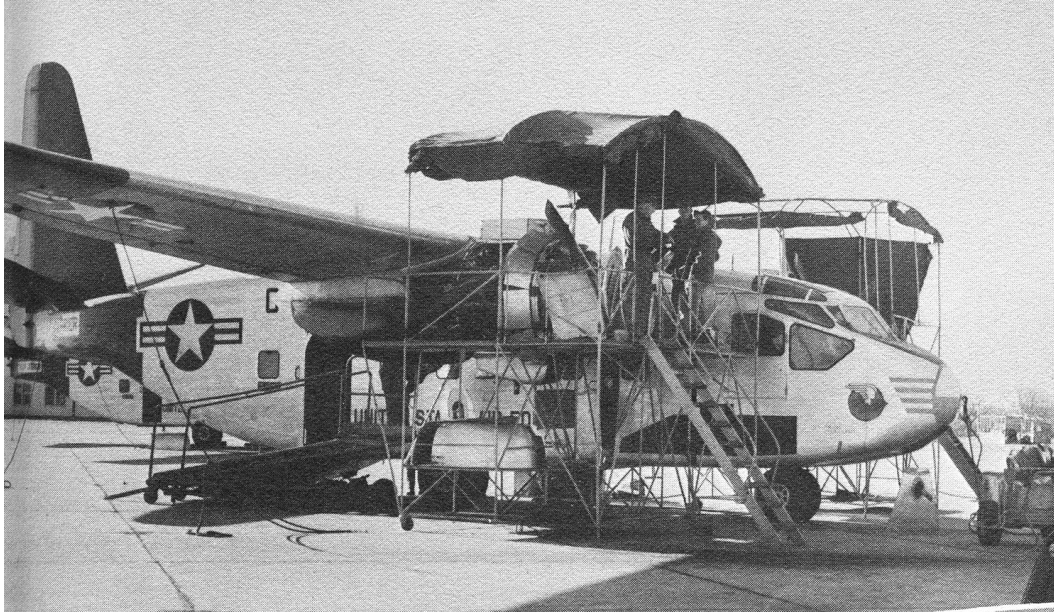
World War II: Airborne assaults on Sicily and Southern France; support for partisans in Northern Italy, Jan-May 1945; aerial transportation in MTO, and briefly in CBI.

AirIft of Army assault troops in training exercises, 1951-1954.

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<sup>2</sup> Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency; Unit yearbook. *Sewart AFB, 1954, Home of the 314<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Wing*. Army and Navy Publishing Co, Inc. Baton Rouge, LA. 1954; Unit yearbook. *Ardmore AFB, OK*. Army and Navy Publishing Co., Inc. 1955; Unit history. Little Rock AFB, AR. *Heartland, The History of Little Rock AFB*. Timothy Burford and Stephanie Burford. WireStorm Publishing. Las Vegas, NV. 2002.





16<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Assault, Fixed Wing, YC-122

Aircrew training, 1969-1993.

18 Feb 1972: Mid-air collision between a 16 TATS C-130E (62-1813) and a T-37 three nautical miles NE of Little Rock AFB. All 5 C-130 crew members died. Two T-37 pilots eject safely.

The usual rotations occupied Little Rock Air Force Base personnel during the latter half of 1987. But on December 12, the 314th was called on for a very special mission to the "North Pole." Base C-130's operated by the 16th TATS flew 42 children on a circuitous route over Lake Maumelle and Greer's Ferry Lake before returning to a specially decorated hangar at Little Rock Air Force Base, where treats and gifts awaited them. Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute and the 16th TATS hosted the event, which brought smiles to many children's faces, and tears to many airmen's eyes.

Flew humanitarian and resupply missions worldwide, including to Bosnia and Southwest Asia, 1993-2000.

The Air Force is changing the way the service deploys C-17 airmen, according to a Joint Base Charleston news release. In the past, an entire C-17 flying squadron would deploy at once, as a unit, for 120 days. But now, members of several different Air Mobility Command squadrons will deploy to fill slots in the expeditionary airlift squadron, to perform both support and flying functions. "This change offers the chance to integrate our C-17 community in a completely new way," said Lt. Col. Sam Todd, 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander at al Udeid AB, Qatar. The new method will allow squadrons flexibility in manning the EAS, he said, which will allow airmen to better plan for life events, training, and other activities. Nine of the 10 AMC C-17 squadrons are represented in the current 816th EAS. The change means that non-deployed units will be able to support deployments with "minimal impact to the squadron, although it

does mean fewer crews flying traditional mission sets," said Lt. Col. Patrick Farrell, 16th Airlift Squadron commander at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. 2015