

18 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

18 Transport Squadron constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 11 Dec 1940
Redesignated 18 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Redesignated 18 Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 24 Jul 1948
Activated, 1 Aug 1948
Inactivated, 1 Mar 1949
Redesignated 18 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 3 Jul 1952
Activated, 14 Jul 1952
Inactivated, 21 Jul 1954
Activated, 3 Aug 1961
Organized, 8 Jan 1962
Redesignated 18 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Mar 1966
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Jun 1967
Redesignated 18 Tactical Airlift Training Squadron, 14 Aug 1969
Activated, 15 Oct 1969
Inactivated, 31 Aug 1972
Redesignated 18 Air Refueling Squadron, 9 Sep 1994
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1995

STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA, 11 Dec 1940
March Field, CA, 11 Jul 1941
Westover Field, MA, 9 Jun-31 Jul 1942
Ramsbury, England, 18 Aug-Nov 1942 (operated from Maison Blanche, Algeria, 11 Nov-Dec

1942)

Bilda, Algeria, 16 Dec 1942

Kairouan, Tunisia, 1 Jul 1943

El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jul 1943

Comiso, Sicily, 8 Sep 1943 (operated from bases in India, Apr-Jun 1944)

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

Rosignano Airfield, Italy, 9 Jan-23 May 1945

Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun-31 Jul 1945

Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, 1 Aug 1948-1 Mar 1949

Donaldson AFB, SC, 14 Jul 1952-21 Jul 1954

Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Jan 1962

Sewart AFB, TN, 1 Jul 1963

Lockbourne AFB, OH, 1 Apr 1965-25 Jun 1967

Dyess AFB, TX 15 Oct 1969-31 Aug 1972

McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

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

5700 Composite Wing, 1 Aug 1948-1 Mar 1949

64 Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952-21 Jul 1954

Tactical Air Command, 3 Aug 1961

64 Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Jan 1962

516 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jan 1963

314 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Jul 1963

317 Troop Carrier (later, 317th Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Apr 1965-25 Jun 1967

516 Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Oct 1969

463 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jun-31 Aug 1972

931 Air Refueling Group, 1 Oct 1995

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1948-1949

C-82, 1951-1953

C-119, 1953-1954

C-130, 1962-1967

C-7, 1969-1972

KC-135, 1995

COMMANDERS

1LT Fred D. Stevers, 11 Dec 1940

1LT William J. Kennedy, 2 Jan 1941

1LT Donald J. French, 25 Apr 1941

1LT Thomas M. Pitts, 25 May 1941

Capt Richard T. Black, 8 Jul 1941

1LT Homer C. Burns, 25 Sep 1941

1LT William A. Tesch, 19 Dec 1941
Capt William G. Harley, 1942
Maj Ralph L. Zimmerman, by Oct 1942
Lt Col William A. Tesch, 13 Feb 1943
Maj Robert S. Walker Jr., 14 Oct 1944
Cpt Francis E. Balshaw, 23 Jan 1945
Maj Robert S. Walker Jr., 20 Mar 1945
Unkn, Jun-31 Jul 1945
Maj Marion R. McCrackin, 1 Aug 1948-unkn
Capt William P. DeWitt, by Sep 1952
Maj Charles R. Vickrey, by Oct 1952-unkn
Lt Col Robert A. Fowler, 8 Jan 1962
Lt Col Thomas O. Morison, 1 Jul 1963
Lt Col Kenneth E. Bethe, 1 Dec 1965
Lt Col George J. Liotis, 24 Jan 1966-25 Jun 1967
Lt Col Fred W. Schaumburg Jr., 15 Oct 1969
Lt Col James L. Montgomery, 15 Sep 1970
Lt Col Andrew M. Schultz, May-31 Aug 1972
Lt Col Mario Goico, 1 Oct 1995
Lt Col Thomas R. Foster
Lt Col Theodore S. Mathews, 12 Aug 2007

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 with Arrowhead

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

CBI Theater, 7 Apr-15 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr-30 Jun 1965

1 Nov 1995-31 Oct 1997

1 Nov 1997-31 Oct 1999

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OPERATIONS

During World War II flew airborne assaults on Sicily, Myitkyina, Burma, and Southern France; supported partisans in Northern Italy, Jan-May 1945; aerial transportation in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and briefly in the China-Burma-India Theater. Strategic and tactical airlift missions, 1948-1954 and 1962-1967. Tactical airlift training for US and later, South Vietnamese pilots and crews, 1969-1972.

The 18 was designated a "super squadron" on 1 Oct 97, doubling its size to 32 flying crews. Members of the squadron have participated in a number of operations, to include: Operation Desert Fox, Phoenix Scorpion II, Operation Southern Watch, JTF-6, Silver Flag, Iceland Tanker Task Force, Geilenkirchen Tanker Task Force, Trailblazer 97, Joint Forge, Phoenix Duke, Deny Flight, Deliberate Guard, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Allied Force, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. From April to July 1999, more than 70 members of the squadron were activated under a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up. In support of Operation Allied Force, members deployed to Moron, Spain and Souda Bay, Crete. In support of Operation Northern Watch, members deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. In March 2003, the squadron was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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