

19th AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

19th Bombardment Wing, Medium, established 10 Aug 1948
Activated, 17 Aug 1948
Redesignated 19th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 19th Air Refueling Wing, Heavy, 1 Oct 1983
Redesignated 19th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Sep 1991
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1996
Redesignated 19th Airlift Wing, 18 Sep 2008
Activated, 1 Oct 2008

STATIONS

North Guam (later, Andersen) AFB, Guam, 17 Aug 1948
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1953-28 May 1954
Pincastle AFB, FL, 11 Jun 1954
Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1956
Robins AFB, GA, 25 Jul 1968-1 Jul 1996
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Oct 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Twentieth Air Force, 17 Aug 1948
Far East Air Forces, 16 May 1949

Twentieth Air Force, 17 Oct 1949
Second Air Force, 11 Jun 1954
813th Air Division, 15 Jul 1954
823rd Air Division, 1 Jun 1956
57th Air Division, 25 Jul 1968
823rd Air Division, 2 Jul 1969
42nd Air Division, 30 Jun 1971
Eighth Air Force, 16 Jun 1988
Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991
Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jul 1993-1 Jul 1996
Eighteenth Air Force (Air Forces Transportation), 1 Oct 2008

ATTACHMENTS

Far East Air Forces Bomber Command, Provisional, 1 Jun 1953-c. 28 May 1954
Air Division Provisional, 813, 11 Jun-14 Jul 1954
5th Air Division, 7 Jan-11 Apr 1956
5th Air Division, 8 May-7 Jul 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-29, 1948-1950, 1953-1954
B-47, 1954-1961
KC-97, 1955-1961
B-52, 1962-1968, 1968-1972, 1973-1983
KC-135, 1962-1968, 1968- 1972, 1973-1996
EC-135, 1984-1996
EC-137, 1991-1994
T-37, 1993
C-12, 1993-1995
T-37, 1993
KC-135R, 1986
B-52G, 1968
B-52H, 1962-1968
C-130

COMMANDERS

LTC Clarence G. Poff, 17 Aug 1948
Col Robert V. DeShazo, 24 Sep 1948
MG Alvan C. Kincaid, 16 May 1949
BG Alfred R. Maxwell, 1 Jun 1949
Col Frederick E. Calhoun, 26 Nov 1949
BG Adlai H. Gilkeson, 29 Nov 1949
BG Robert W.C. Wamsatt, 27 May 1951
Col Harvey C. Dorney, 1 Jun 1953
Col Lloyd H. Dalton Jr., 31 Aug 1953

Col John W. Livingston, 24 Apr 1954
Col Virgil M. Cloyd Jr., 26 Jul 1954
Col John W. Livingston, 9 Feb 1958
Col James H. Thompson, 14 Apr 1958
Col Roland W. Bergamyer, 1 Aug 1960
Col Richard R. Stewart, 5 Jul 1961
Col Mason A. Dula, 24 Oct 1963
Col Edward D. Edwards, 14 Dec 1963
Col Gordon F. Goyt, 4 Jun 1966
Col Clifford W. Hargrove, 1 Aug 1967
Col James S. Howard, 1 Jul 1968
Col Wesley L. Pendergraft, 25 Jul 1968
Col Gerhard R. Abendhoff, 1 Apr 1969
Col William R. Thorstenson, 13 Feb 1970
Col Dudley G. Kavanaugh, 3 Sep 1971
Col Stanley C. Beck, 9 Aug 1972
Col Nathaniel A. Gallagher, 1 Dec 1972
Col John F. Wylam, 9 Apr 1973
Col William E. Masterson, 9 Jul 1973
Col Nathaniel A. Gallagher, 29 Oct 1973
Col Frank H. McArdle, 15 Feb 1974
Col Edwin L. Smith, 11 Jul 1975
Col Charles W. Reeves Jr., 28 Jun 1977
Col Donald O. Pflugrath, 26 Jun 1978
Col Ellie G. Shuler Jr., 16 Jan 1980
Col Donald L. Marks, 10 Jul 1980
Col Richard L. Purdum, 18 Aug 1981
Col Norman R. Butler, 6 Oct 1983
Col Thomas M. Mooney, 28 Sep 1984
Col James M. Hembree, 25 Jul 1986
Col John D. Lunt, 13 Aug 1987
Col Dennis M. Lane, 4 Apr 1989
Col Robert A. Plebanek, 22 Jun 1990
Col Terrance J. Phelps, 19 Dec 1991
Col Tome H. Walters Jr., 9 Feb 1993
Col Paul W. Essex, 29 Mar 1994
Col Norman R. Flemens, 1 Dec 1995-1 Jul 1996
BG Rowayne A. Schatz Jr., 1 Oct 2008
Col Gregory S. Otey, 28 Jan 2009
Col Michael A. Minihan, 2 Aug 2010
Col Brian S. Robinson, 31 Jan 2012
Col Patrick J. Rhatigan, 9 Jul 2013

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Korea

Korea, Summer, 1953

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada, 1983

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1965

1 Jul 1967- 30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

[1 Jun 1953]-27 Jul 1953

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 19th Bombardment Group prior to 17 August 1948.

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Philippine Islands

East Indies

Papua

Guadalcanal

Western Pacific

Air Offensive, Japan

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Philippine Islands, 1 Dec 1941-10 May 1942

Philippines Islands, 8-22 Dec 1941

Philippine Islands and Netherlands Indies, 1 Jan-1 Mar 1942

Philippine Islands, 6 Jan-8 Mar 1942

Papua, 23 Jul-[Oct] 1942

New Britain, 7-12 Aug 1942

Japan, 9-19 Mar 1945

Kobe, Japan, 5 Jun 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM





19th Airlift Wing emblem: Azure, within a pattern of four mullets (constellation of Pegasus) Or a winged stylized sword point to base of the like detailed Azure all within a diminished bordure Or. (Approved for 19th Group, 19 Oct 1936 and for 19th Wing, 9 May 1952; modified, 19 Sep 1983)

MOTTO

IN ALIS VINCIMUS—On Wings We Conquer

CHECKMATE TO AGGRESSION (Approved, 3 Oct 1969)

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Formed in 1948 from resources of the former North Guam Air Force Base Command (Provisional), the 19th operated Andersen AFB and maintained proficiency in B-29s. In May 1949, it assumed responsibility for three bases plus various support facilities and units.

In May-Jun 1954, it turned in its B-29s at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, while enroute to Florida, where initially it received B-47s. The wing gained an air refueling unit early in 1955. It deployed to Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco, Jan-Apr 1956, and to Ben Guerir AB, Morocco, May-Jul 1957.

From Jul 1957 to Apr 1961, the wing maintained a portion of its tactical resources on overseas alert. It won the Fairchild Trophy in the SAC bombing and navigation competition for 1966. Moving without personnel or equipment to Robins AFB, GA, in mid-1968, it absorbed resources of the 465th Bombardment Wing. The 19th deployed virtually all its B-52 and KC-135 aircraft and crews for combat operations in Southeast Asia in 1972.

Regaining aircraft and crews, the wing resumed normal operations in Nov 1973. It won the Omaha Trophy as the "outstanding wing in SAC" for 1981. In 1983, the 19th Air Refueling Wing undertook worldwide aerial refueling missions for various operations and exercises and supported the European Tanker Task Force. It flew aerial refueling missions supporting Grenada operations, 23-24 Oct 1983. Beginning in 1984, it provided two EC-135 aircraft and crews to support the United States Central Command in Southwest Asia. With conversion to KC-135R aircraft, the wing started supporting the Pacific and Alaska Tanker Task Forces in Mar 1988 and the Caribbean Tanker Task Force in Mar 1990.

It flew aerial refueling missions for the invasion of Panama, 18-21 Dec 1989 and deployed resources to Southwest Asia, Aug 1990-Mar 1991, providing aerial refueling, cargo, and command, control and communications support. From Jan 1992, it provided an EC-137 and crews to support the United States Special Operations Command, and from Aug 1992 the wing supported the Saudi Tanker Task Force. It provided air refueling support to NATO fighters in Bosnia in Sep-Oct 1995. Several KC-135R tankers deployed to Southwest Asia to support Operation Southern Watch, Jan-Mar 1996 and to Turkey for Provide Comfort, Apr-Jun 1996

Since 2008, trained personnel and performed airlift and airdropping of troop and supplies in contingency operations, and humanitarian operations.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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