

29 WEAPONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

29 Transport Squadron constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 2 Mar 1942
Redesignated 29 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 22 Sep 1945
Activated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 29 Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 30 Jul 1948
Redesignated 29 Troop Carrier Squadron, Special, 1 Feb 1949
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1949
Redesignated 29 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 26 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1955
Activated, 15 Jun 1964
Organized, 1 Oct 1964
Redesignated 29 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Jan 1967
Redesignated 29 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Aug 1967
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1970
Activated, 1 Apr 1971
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1971
Redesignated 29 Weapons Squadron, 30 May 2003
Activated, 1 Jun 2003

STATIONS

Daniel Field, GA, 2 Mar 1942

Bowman Field, KY, 21 Jun 1942
Florence, SC, 4 Aug 1942
Maxton, NC, 13 Dec 1942-25 Apr 1943
Oujda, French Morocco, 11 May 1943
Kairouan, Tunisia, 16 Jun 1943
Siacca, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943
Trapani/Milo Airdrome, Sicily, 3 Oct 1943
Folkingham, England, 23 Feb 1944
Achiet, France, 28 Mar 1945-5 Aug 1945
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 21-22 Sep 1945
Capodicino, Italy, 30 Sep 1946
Pisa, Italy, 5 Mar 1947
Tulln AB, Austria, 5 May-25 Jun 1947
Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947
Bergstrom Field (later AFB), TX, 15 Jul 1947-22 Oct 1948
Fassburg, Germany, 9 Nov 1948-18 Sep 1949
Mitchel AFB, NY, 1 Feb 1953
Sewart AFB, TN, 2 Oct 1953-8 Jun 1955
Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1964-Dec 1965
Clark AB, Philippines, 27 Jan 1966-31 Oct 1970
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Apr-15 Nov 1971
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Jun 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

313 Transport (later, 313 Troop Carrier) Group, 2 Mar 1942-22 Sep 1945
313 Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946-18 Sep 1949
313 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953-8 Jun 1955
313 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Oct 1964
315 Air Division, 27 Jan 1966
463 Troop Carrier (later, 463 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 25 Mar 1966-31 Oct 1970
316 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr-15 Nov 1971
USAF Mobility Weapons School, 1 Jun 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
C-46, 1945
C-47, 1946-1948
C-82, 1947-1948
C-54, 1948-1949
C-46, 1953
C-119, 1953-1955
C-130, 1964-1970
C-130, 1971

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 2 Mar-20 Nov 1942
Maj Benton R. Baldwin, 21 Nov 1942
Lt Col Quinn M. Corley, 22 Sep 1943
Lt Col William D. Keller, 13 Dec 1944
Unkn, Jun-22 Sep 1945
Unkn, 30 Sep 1946-14 Aug 1947
Maj Jay J. Brown, 15 Aug 1947
Maj William H. Beale Jr., 31 Dec 1947
Unkn, Jun 1948-18 Sep 1949
Cpt W. Moeller, 1953
Unkn, 1954-8 Jun 1955
Lt Col Douglas W. Spawn, #1954
Lt Col James F. Fowler, 2 Oct 1964
Col Theodore M. Raley, 1 Jan 1966
Lt Col S. T. Howell, 24 Apr 1967
Lt Col J. M. Parker, By 1 Apr 1968
Lt Col S. J. Ward, 1 Jul 1968
Lt Col William D. Coleman, By 1 Nov 1968
Lt Col A. J. Vickers, 23 Jun 1969
Col William D. Coleman, 30 Aug 1969
Lt Col A. J. Vickers, 26 Sep 1969
Lt Col William J. Miles, 3 Nov 1969
Lt Col Richard G. Banister, 1 Jul-30 Sep 1970
None (Not Manned), 30 Sep-31 Oct 1970
Lt Col Berdell P. Brevig, 1 Apr 1971
Lt Col Robert A. Nugent, 20 Sep-15 Nov 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Central Europe
Rhineland

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Sicily, 11 Jul 1943
France, 5, 6, and 7 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device
1 Jun 1968-30 Jun 1969
1 Jul-30 Sep 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
30 Jan-15 Jun 1966
1 Jan 1967-31 May 1968
1 Apr-14 Nov 1971

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Jun 1968-30 Sep 1970

EMBLEM



29 Tactical Airlift Squadron emblem

29 Weapons Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, an Indian shield Gules, edged Sable, bearing a pale of the like, thereon a pallet Gris, overall a bow and arrow crossed in saltire barb downward Argent, beneath a mullet of the like entoured by an annulet Or. Pendant from sinister side, two bald eagle feathers overlapped Proper, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "29 WEAPONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The primitive shield suggests the combat mindset through training and learning, the stripes a reminder of those who fought for freedom at Normandy, D-Day, during World War II. The weapons crossed in saltire symbolize the unit's heritage and readiness to fight when called upon. The mullet

encircled by a yellow ring is a reminder to be ever vigilant. The bald eagle feathers symbolize strength and bravery earned through wisdom of experience. (Approved, 28 Oct 2003)

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OPERATIONS

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, and aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949.

Tactical airlift in Southeast Asia, 1966-1970; dropped first 10,000-pound bombs in support of combat operations, dropping ten from 12-20 Dec 1968.

In 1971 equipped with C-130E, trained, and became operational but was replaced by the 38th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

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