

## 38<sup>th</sup> EXPEDITIONARY AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

38<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron constituted, 2 Feb 1942

Activated, 14 Feb 1942

Redesignated 38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Disbanded, 14 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and activated, 16 Aug 1966

Organized, 1 Jan 1967

Redesignated 38<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 May 1967

Inactivated, 31 Aug 1975

Redesignated 38 Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, converted to provisional status, and assigned to United States Air Forces in Europe to activate or inactivate at any time after 3 Sep 2002

Activated, 27 Jun 2008

#### STATIONS

Patterson Fld, OH, 14 Feb 1942

Stout Fld, IN, 30 May 1942

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 3 Dec 1942

Bowman Fld, KY, 5 Apr 1943

Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 21 Jun 1943

Camp Mackall, NC, 10 Sep 1943

Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 17 Jan-14 Apr 1944

Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jan 1967

Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Jul 1969

Langley AFB, VA, 15 Nov 1971-31 Aug 1975  
Ramstein AB, Germany, 27 Jun 2008

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

316<sup>th</sup> Transport Group, 14 Feb 1942

10<sup>th</sup> Transport (later, 10 Troop Carrier) Group, 19 May 1942-14 Apr 1944

Tactical Air Command, 16 Aug 1966

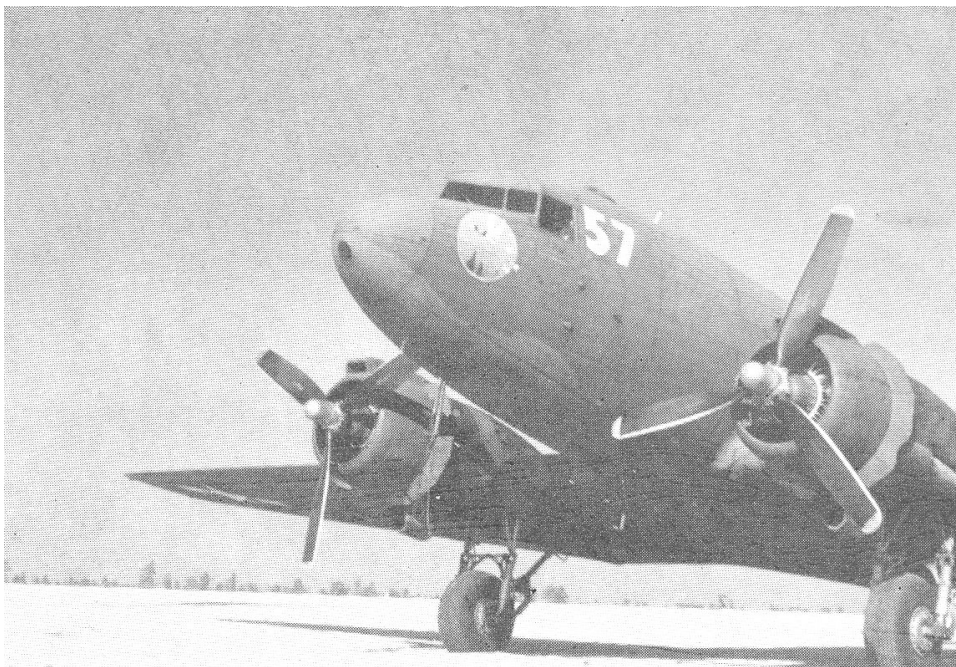
316<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier (later, 316<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1967

313<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1969

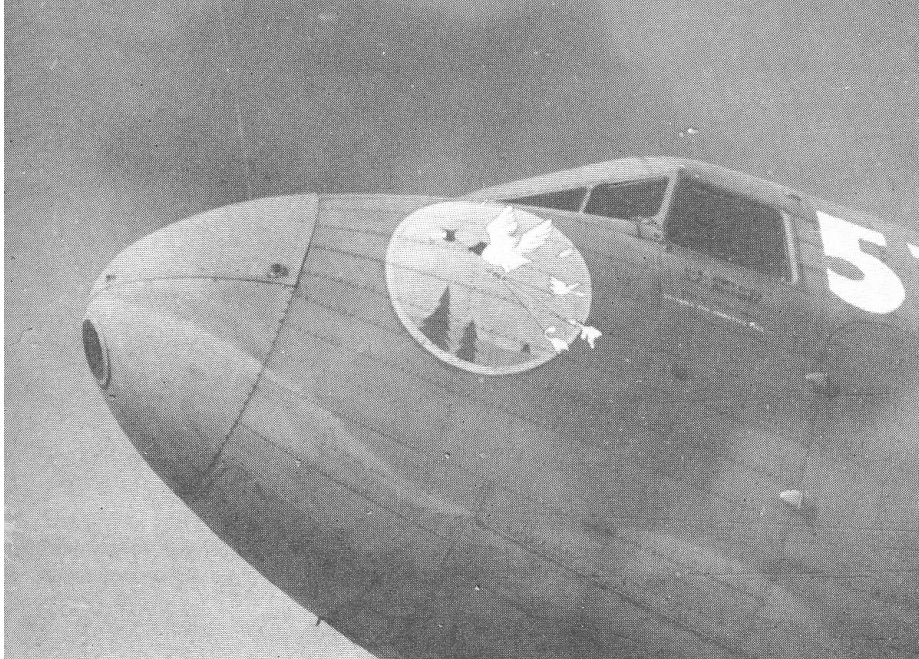
316<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Nov 1971-31 Aug 1975

United States Air Forces in Europe (attached to 86<sup>th</sup> Operations Group), 27 Jun 2008

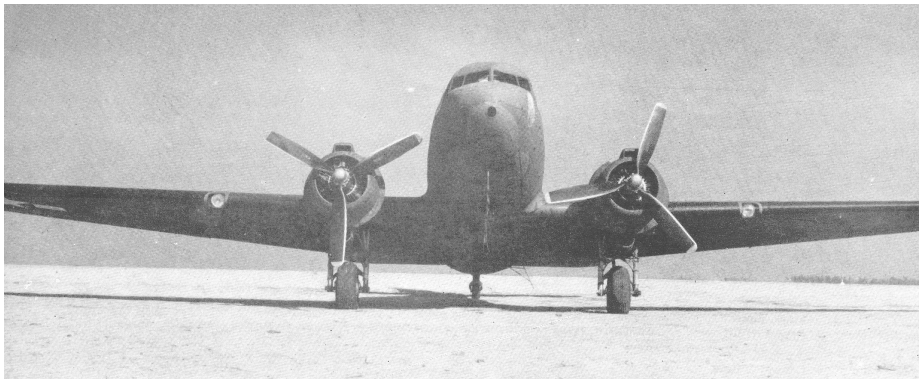
### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**



38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron C-47 (USAAF photo)



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38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron glider (USAAF photo)

C-47, 1942-1944

C-53, 1942-1944

CG-4A, 1943-1944

Horsa glider, 1943-1944

C-130, 1967-1975

### **COMMANDERS**

1Lt Robert W. Springer, 14 Feb 1942

1Lt M. B. Skinner, 21 Feb 1942 (temporary)

Maj Douglas M. Swisher, 24 Feb 1942

Maj Frank J. MacNees, 31 Aug 1942



Cpt Howard U. Morton, 2 Feb 1943 (USAAF photo)

LTC Ellsworth P. Curry, 10 Jan-14 Apr 1944

LTC Charles F. Mills, 1 Jan 1967-30 Jun 1969

Unmanned, 1 Jul-31 Dec 1969  
LTC James M. Casey, 1 Jan 1970  
LTC Carl R. Webb, 17 Aug 1971  
LTC Robert A. Nugent, 15 Nov 1971  
LTC Browning G. Wharton, 10 Aug 1973  
LTC James W. Alexander, 15 Jan 1975  
Cpt Ritchey C. Lyman, 12-31 Aug 1975

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V"  
6 Feb-20 Jul 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1967-1 Feb 1968

21 Jul 1968-30 Apr 1969

15 Nov 1971-30 Apr 1972

1 May 1972-30 Apr 1974

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Oct 1967-20 Jul 1968

## **EMBLEM**



38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron emblem: On and over a light blue disc, border orange, a “gooseswan” white, trimmed black, towing three white ducks by strings; all over a landscape in base light green, three evergreen trees dark green. (Approved, 13 Jan 1943)



38<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron emblems

38<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron emblem: On a disc per bend Azure and Or, the bend as a lightning bolt Gules, in sinister chief a Golden Plover in flight Or, in base a demi globe of the first, grid lined Argent, in sinister two deployed parachutes descending one and two, this first carrying a human silhouette, the second a package reaching the demi globe all Vert; all within a narrow Yellow border. Above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “VINCIT QUI PRIMUM GERIT” in Yellow letters. Below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “38 EAS” in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Golden Plover is found throughout the world. They are birds of rapid-smooth flight, highly migratory and capable of flying great distances non-stop over oceans. The personnel and cargo



parachutes and the lightning bolt portray the unit's function of rapid airlift for joint operations and logistical support.

## **MOTTO**

VINCT QUI PRIMUM GERIT--He Conquers Who Gets There First

## **OPERATIONS**

Served as an operational training unit, Feb-Oct 1942; ferried gliders, Oct 1942-Apr 1943; conducted experiments in glider operations, Jun-Aug 1943; served as a replacement training unit for glider crews and participated in maneuvers, Apr 1943-Apr 1944. Trained flight crews and support personnel to implement wing's mission, and supported USAF operations in Southeast Asia, 1967-1975.

Citizen Airmen from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station joined forces with Service members from across the United States including Niagara, N.Y., Savannah, Ga., St. Joseph, Mo., and Colorado Springs, Co., to form the 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron for a three-month deployment to Germany. The 38th EAS, operating out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was formed to support airlift mission requirements in the U.S. Europe Command (EUROCOM), U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Theaters of Operations. C-130 Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft from the various wings comprising the 38th are currently responsible for 95 percent of the airlift capability in Europe and Africa, said Arkansas Air National Guard Lt. Col. Richard McGough, the acting commander for the 86<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, based at Ramstein. "The reason for these missions is to improve relationships with the other countries," said Lt. Col. Rick Richard, 38th EAS commander also assigned to the Arkansas Air National Guard. Aircraft flight crews, maintenance personnel and support staff worked together to launch and recover a stream of C-130s traveling to and from a variety of destinations including Bosnia, Israel, Turkey, Afghanistan, Moldova, Republic of Georgia, Djibouti and Italy. The 910th Airlift Wing supported the airlift missions, part of Operation Joint Enterprise (OJE), by sending approximately 250 Airmen and two aircraft in four rotations between the end of September and beginning of December 2009. OJE grew out of airdrop operations to provide humanitarian support to civil war victims within Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Republic of Yugoslavia in the mid-1990s, and was later expanded to include support of missions across Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Rotation "A" from YARS flew missions to Turkey, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom and completed its work as a second group of YARS Citizen Airmen hit the ground in Germany October 14. The second rotation of Airmen, known as rotation "B," conducted airlift missions in eastern Europe, northern Africa and the Middle East. Rotation "B" flight crews flew more than 130 hours and approximately 30 operational flights. Lt. Col. Ken Saunders, rotation "B" mission commander and commander of the 757th Airlift Squadron, said the veteran deployers among the personnel attached to the 38th EAS helped get the job at hand completed. "The experience of our people who have been on previous rotations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East are invaluable in getting this mission done for us," said Colonel Saunders. "We got all of our missions accomplished even though many of our folks were sick," said Colonel Majia, acting commander for YARS rotation "A" assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron. The final rotation of YARS Airmen is scheduled to return from Germany in mid-December.

The 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, comprised of a large number of Youngstown Air Reserve Station Reservists on temporary duty, was inactivated Sept. 15. More commonly known as Delta Squadron, the unit began in Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and in response to an increased demand for airlift missions to the Balkan region, was moved to Rhein-Main, Germany, in 1990. By 1994, the Delta Squadron had assumed its mission at Ramstein under the 86th Operations Group. While at Ramstein, the squadron contributed to the success of operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Forge, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Along with providing medical supplies and aid when needed, the 38th EAS has also supported several other major events, such as NASA missions and the 65th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France. "I am a traditional Reservist and have been here for Operation Joint Enterprise [formerly called Joint Forge] six times," said Major Dodge. "Each time I have been here, I've been surrounded by great men and women from my unit that are very good at what they do. This translates into mission success." This success is thanks to the partnership of the active-duty base with the Guard and Reserve personnel stationed there temporarily. "Since the 86th became an airlift wing, Guard and Reserve service in Delta and later the 38th EAS has been absolutely critical to accomplishing our mission," said Col. Tim Budd, 86th OG commander at Ramstein AB. "Most recently, we couldn't have made the transition to the C-130J without them."2010



38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron quarters, Camp MacKall, NC (USAAF photo)





38<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron officer's club, Camp MacKall, NC (USAAF photo)

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