

## 45<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

45<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron mission was providing operational airlift support training to pilots in C-12C/F Huron and C-21A Learjet aircraft

### **LINEAGE**

45<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron constituted, 30 May 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Redesignated 45<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 45<sup>th</sup> Airlift Flight, 1 Apr 1993  
Activated, 1 May 1993  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993  
Redesignated 45<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 21 Mar 1994  
Activated, 1 Jul 1994  
Redesignated 45<sup>th</sup> Airlift Flight, 1 Oct 1999  
Redesignated 45<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 9 Jul 2001

### **STATIONS**

Patterson Field, OH, 15 Jun 1942  
Bowman Field, KY, 20 Jun 1942  
Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942  
Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep-10 Nov 1942  
Egypt, 25 Nov 1942  
Libya, Mar 1943

Nouvion, Algeria, 24 May 1943  
Guercif, French Morocco, 28 May 1943  
Enfidaville, Tunisia, 21 Jun 1943  
Mazara, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943  
Borizzo, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943-12 Feb 1944  
Cottesmore, England, 15 Feb 1944-May 1945  
Pope Field, NC, May 1945  
Baer Field, IN, 20 Jun-15 Aug 1945  
Kipapa Airfield, TH, 9 Sep 1945  
Wheeler Field, TH, 29 Sep-20 Dec 1945  
Camp Anza, CA, 26 Dec 1945  
Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 May-1 Oct 1993  
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Jul 1994

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

316<sup>th</sup> Transport (later, 316<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942  
I Troop Carrier Command, May-26 Dec 1945  
2<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group, 1 May-1 Oct 1993  
81<sup>st</sup> Training Group, 1 Jul 1994  
314<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 1999.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

VI Air Service Area Command, 9 Sep-c. 20 Dec 1945

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47, 1942-1945  
C-46, 1945  
Unkn, 1993  
C-12, 1994-1999  
C-21, 1994

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

C-46D 44-78541  
C-47A 42-23507

### **COMMANDERS**

Unkn, 15 Jun-Dec 1942  
Maj William N. Dekker, by Dec 1942  
LTC Mars Lewis, by May 1944  
Maj James L. Hoggatt (acting), 25 Mar 1945  
Cpt Robert I. Simkins, 1 May 1945  
Cpt Michael Brenkus, 11 Dec-26 Dec 1945  
Unkn, 1 May-1 Oct 1993  
LTC Michael L. Rogers, 1 Jul 1994

LTC Scott E. Lewis, 15 Jul 1996  
LTC Dann C. McDonald, 1 Jul 1998  
LTC Mark D. Audiss, 1 Oct 1999  
LTC Mark J. Schmitz, 16 Nov 2000

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

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

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943  
Sicily, 11 Jul 1943  
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998  
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

## **EMBLEM**



Approved, 5 Jun 1995

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany; aerial transportation of personnel (including casualties), supplies, and equipment in MTO and ETO, Nov 1942-Apr 1945.

6 December 1954: A 45th ATS C-124 flew non-stop from Dover AFB to Burtonwood, England, and completed the 3,550-mile flight, carrying 12 tons of cargo, in 13.5 hours.

29 December: A 45th ATS C-124 flew from Nouasseur, French Morocco, to Dover AFB, a total of 4,000 miles, in just under 19 hours.

30 December: 45th ATS C-124 made the first non-stop flight from Burtonwood, England, to Dover AFB, against prevailing headwinds, in just over 16 hours.

1 July 1955: 20th and 40th Air Transport Squadrons absorbed personnel from the 45th Air Transport Squadron. 8 September 1957

12 June 1954: The wing's first heavy transport mission was flown when cargo was flown to Newfoundland on a 45th ATS C-124.

45 Military Airlift Squadron officially organized, 3 Jul, to accomplish C-130E cargo and passenger missions formerly performed by Navy VR-3 squadron. 1967

45 Military Airlift Squadron flew its first mission prior to being officially organized, 1 Jul. 1967

45 Military Airlift Squadron flew mission in support of United States Navy's under sea test and evaluation center, utilizing C-130E aircraft and airlifting 50 tons of chain straps. 1967

45 Military Airlift Squadron flew C-130E mission in support of the United States Air Force Project Red Horse airlifting 34 passengers and 1.5 tons of baggage, 1 Dec. 30 Military Airlift Squadron flew C-141 mission in support of United States Air Force's Project Tropic Moon, 9 Dec 1967

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Sources

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