

## 48 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

48 Transport Squadron constituted, 30 May 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1945  
Activated, 30 Sep 1946  
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 30 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Special, 1 Feb 1949  
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1949  
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 26 Nov 1952  
Activated, 1 Feb 1953  
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1955  
Activated, 20 Aug 1964  
Organized, 1 Jan 1965  
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Mar 1966  
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Jun 1967  
Redesignated 48 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 15 Jun 1971  
Activated, 15 Nov 1971  
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1973  
Redesignated 48 Airlift Squadron, 21 Nov 2003  
Activated, 1 Dec 2003

## **STATIONS**

Daniel Field, GA, 15 Jun 1942  
Bowman Field, KY, 21 Jun 1942  
Florence, SC, 4 Aug 1942  
Maxton, NC, 13 Dec 1942-26 Apr 1943  
Oujda, French Morocco, 11 May 1943  
Kairouan, Tunisia, 20 Jun 1943 (air echelon operated from Ponte Olivo Airdrome, Sicily, 27 Jul-11 Aug 1943)  
Sicacca Airdrome, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943  
Trapani/Milo Airfield, Sicily, 6 Oct 1943-18 Feb 1944  
Folkingham, England, 3 Mar 1944  
Achiet, France, 6 Mar-3 Aug 1945  
Baer Field, IN, 26 Sep-15 Nov 1945  
Illesheim, Germany, 30 Sep 1946  
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  
Fassberg, 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 Jan 1965-25 Jun 1967  
Forbes AFB, KS, 15 Nov 1971  
Little Rock AFB, AR, 6 Aug-1 Sep 1973  
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Dec 2003

## **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Rhein Main AB, Germany, 1 Jul-8 Nov 1948

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

313 Transport (later, 313 Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942-15 Nov 1945  
313 Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946-18 Sep 1949  
313 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953-8 Jun 1955  
313 Troop Carrier (later, 313 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1965-25 Jun 1967  
313 Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Nov 1971  
314 Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Aug-1 Sep 1973  
314 Operations Group, 1 Dec 2003

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47, 1942-1945  
C-53, 1942-1945  
C-46, 1945  
C-47, 1946-1947  
C-54, 1947-1949  
C-46, 1953

C-119, 1953-1955  
C-130, 1965-1967  
C-130, 1971-1973

## **COMMANDERS**

None (Not Manned), 15 Jun-Jul 1942  
Lt Edward B. Sutton Jr., 9 Jul 1942  
Lt Col John P. Biggerstaff, 12 Aug 1942  
Maj Edgar F. Stovall Jr., 1 Apr 1944  
Cpt William S. Kirkpatrick, 7 Jun 1944  
Maj Edgar F. Stovall Jr., 29 Jul 1944  
Lt Col William G. Oliver Jr., 29 Nov 1944  
Cpt Frederick I. Brown, C. Sep-15 Nov 1945  
Col Edward F. Hubbard, 30 Sep 1946  
None (Not Manned), 25 Jun-10 Aug 1947  
Maj Paul E. Blow, 11 Aug 1947  
Maj Philip A. Fitter, 1 Nov 1947  
Maj William T. Johnson, 19 Nov 1947  
Maj Wayne B. Curren, C. 15 Dec 1947-Jun 1948  
Unkn, Jul-Nov 1948  
Maj John L. Evans, 26 Nov 1948  
Maj Darrell S. Cramer, 23 Feb 1949  
Lt Col Steward H. Nichols, 14 Apr-18 Sep 1949  
Lt Col Wilbert E. St. John, 1 Feb 1953  
Maj Richard E. Knie, By Jul 1954  
Unkn, Jan-8 Jun 1955  
Lt Col Theodore M. Raley, 1 Jan 1965  
Lt Col James F. Fowler, 5 Nov 1965  
Lt Col Ellis J. Wheless, 31 Jan 1966  
Lt Col James H. Seely, 14 Jun 1966  
Lt Col Robert C. Kerr, 28 Nov 1966-25 Jun 1967  
Lt Col Carl R. Webb, 15 Nov 1971  
Lt Col Thomas P. Williams, 7 Apr 1972  
Lt Col George B. Painter, 1 Aug-1 Sep 1973  
Lt Col David A. Kasberg, 1 Dec 2003  
Lt Col Patrick K. Mcleod, 15 Dec 2005  
Lt Col Todd M. Pavich, 22 Jun 2007  
Lt Col John E. Vaughn, 8 May 2009

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater

## **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Sicily, 11 Jul 1943

France [6-7] Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Dec] 2003-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

## **EMBLEM**





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## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

Supported airborne assaults on Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, and Germany during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949. Supported U.S. Army forces, 1953-1955. Provided airlift for airborne forces, 1965-1967; deployed aircraft and crews to France and England, Oct 1965-Mar 1967 and to Panama Canal Zone, Mar-Jun 1967. Intra-theater airlift and support of U.S. Army airborne forces, 1971-1973.

A reorganization on September 1 brought the 32nd TAS to Little Rock Air Force Base. This unit replaced the 48 AS. The 48 was inactivated and its equipment and personnel transferred to the 32nd.

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