

4442 COMBAT CREW TRAINING WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Sewart AFB, TN

Little Rock AFB, AR, 26 Feb 1970-1 Aug 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 43rd would be replaced by the 64th Tactical Air Wing, a unit formed for the move, and the 314th Combat Supply Group. The 70th ARS was redeployed to Beale Air Force Base in California and Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. The 4442nd CCTS moved in, and the 3930th ABS was formed to absorb 43rd Bomb Wing personnel. The AANG's 189th TRG was re-designated as a training unit for the U.S. and Canadian Air Forces. The unit would handle students assigned to the RF-101.

64 TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING AND 4442 COMBAT CREW TRAINING WING WERE TO MOVE FROM SEWART AIR FORCE BASE TN TO LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE. 1963

News came on July 1, that the 64th TAW and the 4442nd CCTW would be re-designated as units of the 12th and 9th Air Forces, respectively. Official transfer of command would take effect on August 1.

The 16th was redesignated the 16th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron on 14 August 1969 and was reactivated six weeks later at Sewart AFB, Tennessee as part of 4442 CCTW. Replaced inactivated 4447 CCTS.

It then moved to Little Rock AFB, Arkansas in March 1970 with the 4442 CCTW, flying and conducting initial upgrade training in the C-130 A and E models.

Major command became TAC. On 1 Aug 1971 the 4442 CCTW inactivated and 16 TATS was reassigned to the 314 TAW.

All seemed to bode well for the new arrivals, but the base suffered its first C-130 accident at the end of June. A C-130E crashed near Piggot, Arkansas at about 6:00 p.m., July 30. The aircraft had been conducting a training flight with a crew of six on TDY from the 4442nd CCTW (normally stationed at the now defunct Sewart AFB in Tennessee) when it went down in flames. All six men died in the wreckage.

Throughout the month of February, 64th TAW support groups continued to arrive from Seward. First came the 4442nd CCTW and the 4442nd FMS, followed at the end of the month by the 16th Tactical Airlift Squadron. Colonel Van S. Walker was promoted to command the 314th Combat Support Group, and the 64th's commander, Colonel Richard J. Gibney, moved his headquarters from Seward to join his support elements at Little Rock Air Force Base. Soon, preparations were made for the arrival of the wing's C-130.

As summer wore on, the 16th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron, which replaced the 4442nd CCTW, was added to the base's unit roster. The 16th heralded the base's role as the sole C-130 flight training center operated by the DoD. The first two students, navigators assigned to the 62nd T AS, began training immediately.

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