

## 70 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

70 Aerial Port Squadron constituted, 25 Jun 1971  
Activated in the Air Force Reserve, 29 Jun 1971  
Redesignated 70 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Dec 1975  
Redesignated 70 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Oct 1980

### STATIONS

Homestead AFB, FL, 29 Jun 1971  
Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, 29 Jun 1971

### ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 29 Jun 1971  
915 Airborne Early Warning and Control Group (later, 915 Tactical Fighter Group),  
8 Oct 1976  
315 Military Airlift Wing (Associate), 1 Oct 1980

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Guy B. Lindholm  
Lt Col Walter J. Bretana  
Lt Col Raymond Bradshaw, 11 Jul 2015  
Lt Col John Weeks, 7 Apr 2018  
Lt Col Raymond H. Ng, 2 May 2020

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Dec 1976-15 Mar 1978

1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1990

21 Sep-31 Oct 1989

2 Oct 1991-1 Oct 1993

24 Aug-30 Sep 1992

1 Nov 1993-30 Aug 1995

1 Oct 1998-30 Sep 1999

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2008

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010

### **EMBLEM**

On a yellow disc, a blue globe grid lined yellow surrounded by seven five-pointed blue stars, surmounting the globe a light blue and white mako shark above a pallet of light blue and buff cargo; all within a narrow blue border. Attached below the disc a yellow scroll bordered blue.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 mako shark represents strength, purpose, and determination of accomplishment of the mission. The globe symbolizes the worldwide mission of the Military Airlift Command. The cargo pallet signifies the moving of materials to support the mission of the Squadron. The stars symbolizing the seven continents of the earth allude to the worldwide arena of operations of the Squadron (Approved, 30 Jun 1988)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

More than 40 reservists of the 70<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron here at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. Recently led a partial takeover of port operations at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. for operation Patriot Partner 2006.

The Homestead team coordinated all the logistics bringing together more than 130 Air Force reservists from six Reserve units to form the 333<sup>rd</sup> Consolidated Aerial Port Squadron from late July until Aug 5. "We took over about 70 percent of the operations from the active-duty unit, the 437th (Aerial Port Squadron)," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Hiney, 70th APS superintendent. "The first week we worked side by-side with the active-duty airmen, while we actually took over and ran the show after that," he said.

While the consolidated Reserve unit got valuable training from the experience, the mission served real world needs. Reservists moved much of the cargo in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. They also moved life-critical supplies for humanitarian relief in Honduras. For the 333rd CAPS, the job included working round-the-clock shifts, handling enormous amounts of aircraft, cargo and passengers in only two weeks. Reservists working in Passenger Services handled close to 1,050 travelers; Cargo Processing specialists moved about 2,000 tons of cargo; And 333rd CAPS members in Special Handling and Ramp Services loaded and unloaded about 300 aircraft.

In addition, reservists filled roles in the Air Terminal Operations Center, load planning, fleet services, supply, and training and commander support staff section Working with several Reserve aerial port squadrons from around the U.S. and the active-duty unit at Charleston Air Force Base presented several challenges. The Homestead reservists more than prevailed. "Blending is a little bit rough initially when you have so many people from different places," said Master Sgt. Roberta Milanowski, NCO in charge of Cargo Processing. "Sometimes you have a top performer from one unit, and another stellar troop from another unit comes along, you have a sandpaper effect. It's just a growing process." The 333rd clearly handled it well. The active-duty host unit recognized Tech. Sgt. Thomas McKee of Homestead's 70th APS as this year's Patriot Partner Outstanding Performer. "The experience and other hands-on training will definitely help us do a great job when we get to the (Persian) Gulf next summer," Sergeant Milanowski said. The other Air Force Reserve units led by Homestead's 70th APS were: the 25th APS from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; the 27th APS from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.; the 53rd APS from Pope Air Force Base, N.C.; 73rd APS from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; and the 85th APS from Hanscom Air Reserve Base, Mass.

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Sources

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