

71 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 71 Aerial Port Squadron deploys trained personnel and equipment to provide augmentation or stand-alone aerial port support at aerial ports of embarkation and aerial ports of debarkation or unit move onload and unload locations. Responsibilities include cargo processing, aircraft loading and unloading, joint inspection, mobility onload and unload locations, mobility load team supervision, engine running onloads and unloads, home station and deployed Air Terminal Operations Center, Airlift Control Element, Tactical Control Unit, Departure Airfield Control Group operations and command.

LINEAGE

71 Aerial Port Squadron constituted 25 Jun 1971
Activated in the Reserve on 29 Jun 1971
Redesignated 71 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron on 1 Dec 1975
Redesignated 71 Aerial Port Squadron on 1 Jan 1978

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 29 Jun 1971
Langley AFB (later, JB Langley-Eustis ABS), VA, 1 Feb 1978

ASSIGNMENTS

Central Air Force Reserve Region, 29 Jun 1971
507 Tactical Fighter Group, 8 Oct 1976
512 Military Airlift (later, 512 Airlift) Wing, 1 Feb 1978
512 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992
622 Regional Support Group, 1 Jan 1995
512 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2011

COMMANDERS

Maj K. Voska

Lt Col Brian Zeman

Maj Todd A. Saylor

Maj Chanelle Fletcher, 1 Jan 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1988-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

1 Sep 1996-31 Aug 1998

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

EMBLEM



On a triparted disc, four charges characterize the mission of the squadron. In the chief position, an ultramarine azure globe with argent longitude and latitude lines is placed on an or background. At dexter, an argent forklift is placed on an ultramarine azure background. At sinister, a gules stylized delta aircraft soars over a brittany blue background just above a vert puzzle piece. Two argent scrolls positioned above and below the disc. The scroll above is blank

and is reserved for the unit's designation. The scroll below is lettered in ultramarine azure and bears the unit's motto "capable proud prepared." **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow symbolizes the excellence of air force personnel. The red delta aircraft represents patriotism, courage and strength of the citizen airman. Brittany blue represents constancy devotion and truth. The emerald green puzzle piece professes adaptability, wisdom, life and fertile fields. The white forklift and lines of the globe represent wisdom, purity and truth. (Approved, 30 Nov 1988)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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