

72 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

72 Aerial Port Squadron constituted, 25 Jun 1971
Activated in the Reserve, 29 Jun 1971
Redesignated 72 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Dec 1975
Redesignated 72 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Jan 1978

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 29 Jun 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

Central Air Force Reserve Region, 29 Jun 1971
507 Tactical Fighter Group, 8 Oct 1976
433 Tactical Airlift (later, 433 Military Airlift; 433 Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1980
507 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj William Bush, 2007
Maj Charles Simpson, 9 Sep 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983

1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993

1 Jan 1994-31 Jul 1995

1 Aug 1996-31 Jul 1998

EMBLEM



On a blue disc, a yellow cogwheel enclosing a light blue disc with a blue demi sphere issuant from base and overall a yellow eagle in flight grasping a silver gray cargo box with yellow bands; all within a narrow blue border. Attached above the disc a white scroll bordered blue and attached below the disc a white scroll bordered blue inscribed "FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE" in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of operations for the Air Force. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The cogwheel indicates the transportation operation of the Squadron. The eagle and cargo box symbolize the mission of the Squadron: supporting the active duty aerial ports. The globe signifies that the Squadron goes wherever it is needed worldwide to support the active Air Force. (Approved, 12 Dec 1984)

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FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE

OPERATIONS

Nov 1990 72nd Aerial Port Squadron is mobilized to support the Air Terminal during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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