

## 84 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

84 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, 22 Mar 1960

Organized in the reserve, 8 Jun 1960

Redesignated 84 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Jul 1967

### STATIONS

Donaldson AFB, SC, 8 Jun 1960

1940D Augustus St, Greenville, SC, 1 May 1963

Naval and Marine Reserve Training Center, Greenville, SC, 21 Jan 1968

Donaldson Army Reserve Center, Greenville, SC, 1 Mar 1979

### ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Air Command, 22 Mar 1960

2680 Air Reserve Center 8 Jun 1960

2691 Air Reserve Center, 1 Sep 1960

2495 Air Reserve Sector, 1 Jul 1961

Third Air Force Reserve Region 1 Jul 1965

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969

315 Military Airlift Wing (Associate), 1 Aug 1973

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Gregory P. Vaughan

### HONORS

Service Streamers

## Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

#### Decorations

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

2 Jul-1 Sep 1966

#### EMBLEM

On an ultramarine azure and vert disc, an argent aircraft emerges from chief and glides forward to honor point. An air force or lightning bolt is issuant from slightly below dexter chief and flashes to the sinister point on the disc. An argent loader is positioned on a field of vert at middle base and occupies all base positions. The disc is bordered with ultramarine azure. An ultramarine azure scroll is attached below the disc. It is also bordered with Ultramarine azure. The scroll is blank and is reserved for the unit's designation. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The grey aircraft and loader symbolize maturity and professionalism. The green half of the disc portrays the qualities of perfection and wisdom displayed by unit personnel. The black detail of the aircraft denote the constancy and determination of assigned personnel. (Approved, 13 Oct 1989)

#### MOTTO

#### OPERATIONS

Donaldson AFB was closed in 1963 and the unit moved into a commercial rental space in the 1900 block of Augusta Road. In 1968 the unit, now known as the 84 Aerial Port Squadron, set up operations in the Naval Reserve Center on North Main Street. We moved in January 1979 back to Donaldson Center where we shuttled between an Army Reserve Facility and an antiquated WWII hut. Moved to present location at Greenville Technical Education Campus in 1980.

Air Force Reserve Command activated the 84th Aerial Port Squadron at Greenville, S.C., in January and deployed it to Haiti in April. The Reservists are supporting Operation Secure Tomorrow—the DOD mission to provide stability and security to Haiti. The new unit, normally assigned to Charleston AFB, S.C., is managing the aerial flow of supplies into and out of Haiti for US forces. The Reservists run a well-rehearsed drill when aircraft land at the Port-au-Prince airport. They unload the inbound cargo and upload any outbound materiel within a matter of minutes, as the aircraft's engines are running. 2004

Reserve Shuts Down Aerial Port Unit: Air Force Reserve Command plans on Nov. 17 to inactivate the 84th Aerial Port Squadron, which it activated in January 2004 to support war on terror operations worldwide. Assigned to the 315th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C., the 130-member-strong 84th APS operated out of Greenville, S.C., where it duties included helping to

train and assist Army, Navy, and Marine Corps reserve units. Capt. Bryan Lewis reports that, on one four-month deployment to Kuwait, the 84th APS launched 8,915 missions and processed nearly 290,000 passengers.

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