

89th AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

89th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 10 May 1949
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951
Inactivated, 10 May 1951
Redesignated 89th Fighter Bomber Wing, 26 May 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957
Redesignated 89th Military Airlift Wing, Special Mission and activated, 27 Dec 1965
Organized, 8 Jan 1966
Redesignated 89th Military Airlift Group, 30 Sep 1977
Redesignated 89th Military Airlift Wing, 15 Dec 1980
Redesignated 89th Airlift Wing, 12 Jul 1991

STATIONS

Hanscom Field, MA, 27 Jun 1949-10 May 1951
Hanscom (later, Laurence G. Hanscom) Field, MA, 14 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957
Andrews AFB, MD, 8 Jan 1966

ASSIGNMENTS

First Air Force, 27 Jun 1949-10 May 1951
First Air Force, 14 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957
Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 27 Dec 1965
76th Airlift Division, 1 Jul 1976
76th Military Airlift Wing, 30 Sep 1977

76th Airlift Division, 15 Dec 1980
Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Oct 1985
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-45, 1949
C-46, 1949
T-6, 1949
T-7, 1949
T-11, 1949
T-6, 1952
T-11, 1952
F-51, 1952
C-46, 1952, 1956
T-28, 1953
T-33, 1953
F-80, 1953
C-45, 1955
TC-47, 1955
F-86, 1957
C-119, 1957
C-118, 1966
VC-118, 1966
C-121, 1966
VC-121, 1966
C-131, 1966
VC-131, 1966-1977, 1978
C-135, 1966-1968, c. 1975
VC-137 (later, C-137), 1966
C-140, 1966
VC-140, 1966
VC-6, 1966
U-4, 1966
VC-135, 1968
VC/C-9, 1975
VC-9C
T (later, CT)-39, 1975
UH-1, 1976
CH-3, 1976
C-12, 1976
C-20, 1983
C-20H
VC-25, 1990
C-21, 1993

C-32, 1998
C-37, 1998
C-40, 2002

COMMANDERS

BG Ray J. Stecker, 27 Jun 1949
LTC William Binder, Jan 1950
Col Howard C. Stelling, Feb 1950
Cpt John F. Coughlin, 1-10 May 1951
LTC Thomas J. McGrath, 14 Jun 1952
Col Charles E. Flaherty, c. 28 Jun 1952
Col Arthur C. Carroll, 1 Apr 1955-16 Nov 1957
None (not manned), 27 Dec 1965-7 Jan 1966
Col Harlan C. Wilder, 8 Jan 1966
Col John G. Williams, 1 Mar 1967
Col Burgess Gradwell, 25 Nov 1969
Col Jay R. Wallace, 29 Dec 1972
Col Stewart Young, 28 Jul 1975
BG Paul E. Gardner, 23 Jun 1976
Col Robert E. Lowell, 29 Oct 1977
Col Donald J. Cipra, 14 Nov 1977
Col Larry D. Wright, 4 Jun 1979
Col John F. Sievertson, 5 Feb 1981
Col John H. Billings, 21 Jun 1983
Col James L. Cole Jr., 14 Aug 1985
Col Leonard J. Augustine, 23 May 1986
Col William B. Morrison III, 15 Apr 1988
Col Edward M. Bullard, 10 Jul 1989
BG Bob L. Mitchell, 12 Jul 1991
BG Monroe S. Sams Jr., 30 Aug 1993
BG Charles J. Wax, 21 Nov 1995
BG Arthur J. Lichte, 25 Nov 1996
BG James A. Hawkins, 11 Jan 1999
BG Glenn F. Spears, 15 Aug 2001
BG David S. Gray, 18 Jul 2003
Col John I. Pray Jr., 9 May 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1972

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1974-31 Dec 1975

1 Jan 1976-31 Jan 1977

6 Apr 1977-18 May 1979

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1992

1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 89th Troop Carrier Group prior to 27 Jun 1949

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Celeste, issuing from base, clouds Argent, supporting a globe Azure, gridlined of the second encircled by an orbit ring bendwise sinister of the like, lined Vert, surmounted by a bald eagle descending Proper; all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "EXPERTO CREDE" in Blue letters. 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 bald eagle, the national symbol, and the orbit ring symbolize the Wing's unique mission of

transporting the President, Vice President and national of foreign dignitaries anywhere on the globe.

A competitive contest was held in November 1954, and A/2C Harold C. Shaug, Jr., (a sign painter in the 1254th's Air Installations Section) was selected from four others by Colonel Philip H. Best, Commander of the 1254th Air Transport Group, Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C., and his staff. Shown in the picture are Colonel Best and A/2C Shaug. A/2C Shaug's entry won him \$15.00. The emblem shows a bald eagle centered on a ribbon-encircled globe. The ribbon bears the 1254th's slogan, "Experto Credo." Translated freely, the slogan means, "Trust One Who Has Had Experience." The eagle is, of course, symbolic of flight. The unit emblem of the 1254th Air Transport Group was later adopted by the 89th Military Airlift Wing on 28 March 1966. The original emblem was approved in 1955. Today, (1988), the same emblem is proudly used by the 89th Military Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.



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Approved: 28 Apr 1966

Approved on 15 Sep 1993

MOTTO

EXPERTO CREDE---Trust One Who Has Experience

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained in the Reserve for troop carrier missions, 1949-1951. Ordered to active service briefly in

May 1951.

Trained 1952-1957 in the Reserve for fighter-bomber missions. From Jan 1966, served as a special mission airlift wing charged with providing worldwide airlift for the Executive Department and high-ranking dignitaries of the US Government and of foreign governments, as directed.

Assumed an additional mission of controlling all T-39 administrative airlift within the United States from 1975-1978. Up to this time, the wing had maintained a unique posture, flying the President and other United States and foreign government officials throughout the world. The consolidation added mission and responsibility for administrative airlift as well as training for pilots with special rated position indicators. These pilots were assigned to staff positions located within 50 miles of a T-39 unit. This training was necessary for pilots to maintain their wartime readiness. Sabliner operations from 30 bases were consolidated to 15. Controlled by Headquarters Military Airlift Command, at Scott AFB, Illinois, centralized scheduling and operations. Administrative control was assigned to the 89th Military Airlift Wing. Three Military Airlift Squadrons (1400 MAS, 1401 MAS, and 1402 MAS) were activated with four detachments at various locations within the United States. Apr 1975

Gained a helicopter squadron in Jul 1976 and added rescue and medical evacuation (in the DC area) to its mission. In Oct 1976, began training C-12 pilots for units in Alaska and Germany, and for duty with defense attaché offices and military assistance units.

Reduced in size in 1977 through transfer of many aircraft and inactivation of units, and became a group on 30 Sep 1977.

Redesignated in 1980 as a selectively manned wing. In addition to primary mission of airlifting the President, Vice-President, cabinet members, other high U.S. government officials, and foreign dignitaries, the wing frequently participated in humanitarian missions at home and abroad.

Provided transport for personnel and supplies to Southwest Asia, 1990-1991

Became host wing of Andrews AFB in Jul 1991.

Air Force Order of Battle

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