

## 94 OPERATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

94 Operations Group provides combat-ready C-130 aircrews for all assigned aircraft to meet White House, DOS and JCS-directed global deployment, employment & resupply of DOD and allied forces via airland/airdrop operations. Conducts worldwide emergency nuclear, aeromedical, humanitarian and combat airlift operations.

### LINEAGE

94 Bombardment Group (Heavy) established, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Redesignated 94 Bombardment Group, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943  
Inactivated, 21 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 94 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947  
Activated in the Reserve, 29 May 1947  
Redesignated 94 Bombardment Group, Light, 26 Jun 1949  
Ordered to Active Service, 10 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 20 Mar 1951  
Redesignated 94 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 26 May 1952  
Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 94 Bombardment Group, Tactical, 18 May 1955  
Redesignated 94 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 1 Jul 1957  
Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959  
Redesignated 94 Tactical Airlift Group, 31 Jul 1985  
Redesignated 94 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

### STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 15 Jun 1942  
Pendleton, OR, 29 Jun 1942  
Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ, 29 Aug 1942  
Biggs Field, TX, 1 Nov 1942  
Pueblo AAB, CO, 2 Jan-17 Apr 1943  
Earls Colne, England, 12 May 1943  
Bury St. Edmunds, England, 9 Jun 1943-12 Dec 1945  
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20-21 Dec 1945  
Marietta AAFld (later, Marietta AFB; Dobbins AFB), GA, 29 May 1947-20 Mar 1951  
Dobbins AFB, GA, 14 Jun 1952  
Scott AFB, IL, 18 May 1955  
Laurence G. Hanscom Fld, MA, 16 Nov 1957-14 Apr 1959  
Dobbins ARB, GA, 1 Aug 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

III Bomber Command, 15 Jun 1942  
II Bomber Command, 29 Jun 1942  
Eighth Air Force, 12 May 1943  
VIII Bomber Command, 19 May 1943  
4 Bombardment Wing, 25 May 1943  
401 Provisional Combat Wing Bombardment, 6 Jun 1943  
3 Air Division, 13 Sep 1943  
4 Combat Bombardment Wing, 14 Sep 1943  
14 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1945  
3 Air Division, 8 Aug 1945  
1 Air Division, 12 Aug 1945  
3 Air Division, 28 Sep 1945  
VIII Fighter Command, 1 Nov-Dec 1945  
19 Bombardment Wing (later, 19 Air Division), 29 May 1947  
94 Bombardment Wing, 26 Jun 1949-20 Mar 1951  
94 Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 94 Bombardment; 94 Troop Carrier), 14 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959  
94 Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1942-1945  
B-29, 1947-1949  
B-26, 1949-1951  
C-46, 1952-1955  
TF-51, 1953-1955  
F-51, 1953-1954  
B-26, 1953-1955; 1955-1957  
C-54, 1953-1955  
F-80, 1954-1955

RB-26, 1954-1955  
F-84, 1954-1955  
C-47, 1955  
C-119, 1957, 1957-1959  
C-130, 1992

## **COMMANDERS**

Col John G. Moore, 15 Jun 1942  
Col Frederick W. Castle, 22 Jun 1943  
Col Charles B. Dougher, 17 Apr 1944  
Col Nicholas T. Perkins, 16 Mar 1945  
Lt Col Ernest B. Maxwell, by 3 Jun 1945-unkn  
Unkn, 29 May 1947-20 Mar 1951  
Unkn, 14 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959  
Lt Col Walter Overend  
Col Carl E. Vogt, 1 Aug 1992  
Col Nelson D. Powell Jr., 9 Jul 1995  
Col James E. Glenn, 10 Apr 2000  
Col James N. Stewart, 16 Jul 2000  
Col Heath J. Nuckolls, 2 Feb 2002  
Col Lee R. Hutchinson, 11 Jul 2004  
Col Brett J. Clark, 12 Mar 2006  
Col Steven R. Clayton, 5 Nov 2006  
LTC John K. Jones, 1 Jul 2013  
Col Jim DeVere, 28 Jul 2013  
Col Patrick Campbell  
Col Terence E. Green

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Regensburg, Germany, 17 Aug 1943

Brunswick, Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1-29 Aug 1992

16 Aug 1992-15 Aug 1994

16 Aug 1995-15 Aug 1997

## EMBLEM



94 Bombardment Group, Heavy

94 Bombardment Group, Tactical emblem: On a shield azure, over a cloud formation argent, a chimerical creature, with the body of a panther, the head of a buffalo all sable, horns, talons, and eyes proper, and eagle's wings or, crouching over the top of a sphere of the last, lined of the third, the creature snorting fire proper. (Approved, 6 Apr 1956.)





Azure, over a cloud formation Argent a Chimerical Creature with the body of a panther, the head of a buffalo, all Sable, horns, talons, and eyes Proper, an eagle's wings Or, crouching over the top of a sphere of the last, lined of the third, the creature snorting fire Proper; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "94TH OPERATIONS GROUP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine Blue and Air Force 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 unit's emblem is representative of the heritage and honors for the 94th Bombardment Group. The panther characterizes the cunningness, speed, and flexibility of the modern Tactical Air Force to strike anywhere in the world. The head of the buffalo symbolizes ruggedness and the early American Pioneer spirit and their fight for freedom of America continued by today's modern Air Force's fight for freedom of the world. The eagle's wings portray courage and stamina. (Approved, 30 May 2023)

#### **MOTTO**

Cunning - Rugged - Courageous

#### **OPERATIONS**

Trained at various bases in the United States for heavy bombardment missions before moving to England in Apr-May 1943.

Air echelon began overseas movement c. 1 Apr. 43. Ground echelon left for Camp Kilmer, NJ. 17 Apr. 43 and sailed on Queen Elizabeth 5 May 43, arriving Greenock 11 May 43.

Entered combat on 13 May. Attacked strategic enemy targets such as ports, shipyards, factories, marshalling yards, oil facilities, and ball-bearing works in Germany and France. Participated in a famous but costly raid on Regensburg, Germany, on 17 Aug 1943, for which the group earned a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC). Earned a second DUC for an 11 Jan 1944 mission against an aircraft parts factory at Brunswick, Germany. Took part in heavy bombardment campaign against German aircraft industry during Big Week (Feb 1944). Before Operation Overlord, the group bombed V-weapon sites, airfields, and other military installations along the northern coast of France. Flew ground support and interdiction missions to support the invasion of Normandy (Jun

1944) and the breakout of Allied troops at St. Lo (Jul 1944) in France. The group supported airborne attacks in the Netherlands in Sep. During the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945, the group struck marshalling yards, airfields, and strong enemy positions. Bombed transportation, communication, and fuel targets during the Allied crossing of the Rhine and the advance of U.S. and British armies into Germany.

In Nov.-Dec. 1945, aircraft flown back to US or transferred other units, and squadrons inactivated. Remaining personnel left Bury St. Edmunds 11 Dec. 1945 and sailed on Lake Champlain 12 Dec. 1945, arriving New York 20 Dec 1945. Group inactivated Camp Kilmer 21 Dec 1945.

First Mission: 13 May 1943

Last Mission: 21 Apr 1945

Total Missions: 324

Total Credit Sorties: 8,884

Total Bomb Tonnage: 18,924.6 tons (226.2 tons supplies, etc.)

Aircraft missing in action: 153

Other Operational losses: 27

Enemy aircraft claims: 342 destroyed, 92 probably destroyed, 154 damaged

Between 1947 and 1951, the group trained as an Air Force Reserve bombardment group, converting from heavy to light bombers in 1949.

Activated again in May 1955 as a tactical bombardment group, but became a troop carrier group in Jul 1957 before inactivation in Apr 1959.



Lt Col Walter Overend (USAF photo)

Since Aug 1992, the group trained reservists for missions as part of the Air Force's Total Force concept. Personnel and aircraft assigned to the group participated in various exercises and operations within the United States and overseas, including relief and contingency missions to Southwest Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean Sea.

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