

## 99<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

99<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 25 May 1943

Activated, 1 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 27 Mar 1946

Redesignated 99<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 10 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949

Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951

Inactivated, 14 Mar 1951

Redesignated 99<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, Special Mission, and activated, 27 Dec 1965

Organized, 8 Jan 1966

Inactivated, 12 Sep 1977

Redesignated 99<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, 13 Sep 1988

Activated, 1 Oct 1988

Redesignated 99<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 12 Jul 1991

#### STATIONS

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Aug 1943

Camp Mackall, NC, 18 Jan 1944

Baer Field, IN, 22 Feb–2 Mar 1944

Langar, England, 17 Mar 1944

Merryfield, England, 25 Apr 1944 (portion of air echelon operated from Grosseto, Italy, 18 Jul–24 Aug 1944)

Villeneuve/ Vertus, France, 8 Sep 1944 (operated from Langar, England, 11–24 Sep 1944)  
St Marceau, France, 1 Oct 1944  
Dreux, France, 4 Nov 1944 (operated from Chartres, France, 14–24 Mar 1945, and from  
Croix de Metz, France, 29 Apr–16 May 1945)  
Villacoublay, France, 2 Sep 1945  
Wiesbaden, Germany, 1 Oct 1945–15 Feb 1946  
Bolling Field, DC, 15 Feb–27 Mar 1946  
Chicago–Orchard (later, O’Hare Intl) Aprt, IL, 27 Jun 1949–14 Mar 1951  
Andrews AFB, MD, 8 Jan 1966–12 Sep 1977  
Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Oct 1988

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

441<sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 1 Aug 1943  
27<sup>th</sup> Air Transport Group, 27 Aug 1945  
United States Air Forces in Europe, 25 Sep 1945  
Continental Air Forces (later, Strategic Air Command), 15 Feb–27 Mar 1946  
441<sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–14 Mar 1951  
Military Air Transport (later, Military Airlift) Command, 27 Dec 1965  
89<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966–12 Sep 1977  
89<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1988  
89<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 12 Jul 1991

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C–47, 1943  
C-47A  
C-47B  
CG–4 gliders, 1943  
C–109, 1945  
C–46, 1945  
C–53, 1945  
C-53D  
AT–6  
B–17  
B–25  
B–29  
C–45  
UC-45F  
C–61  
C–78  
L–1  
L–4  
L-4H  
L–5  
P–47

P-51  
C-46, 1949  
C-140, 1966  
VC-140, 1966  
C-131, 1966  
U-4, 1966  
VC-6, 1966  
VC-131, 1968  
VC-9, 1975  
C-9, 1988  
C-20, 1988

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Ernest E. Triplett  
LTC Walter E. Dahlem, Jr., 11 May 1967  
LTC Fredrick V. Sohle, Jr., 17 Jul 1967  
LTC Trusty M. Whitehead, 1 Jul 1968  
LTC George G. Banks, 8 Jul 1974

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Rome-Arno  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Southern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

#### **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  
[1 Oct 1988]-30 Jun 1989  
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991  
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1992  
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

#### EMBLEM



On a Light Blue disc, partially covered from base by a White cloud formation, overall a Blue grid of latitude and longitude lines issuing from base, superimposed by a Blue stylized aircraft and terminating at top in a Red fox's face with Yellow pupil emitting five Yellow rays, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "SAM FOX" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "99TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON" 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 aircraft silhouette represents those aircraft assigned to the Squadron. The latitude and longitude lines represent aerial navigation. The aircraft is depicted enroute to global destinations and is guided by the professionalism and pride of SAM FOX aircrews and ground personnel. The clouds represent the sky and the yellow rays reflect excellence. (Approved, 24 Apr 1989)

#### MOTTO

SAM FOX

#### NICKNAME

#### OPERATIONS

Included World War II airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne; aerial transportation in ETO and MTO. Provided airlift support for the President and other high-ranking dignitaries of the US and foreign governments, 1966-1977 and 1988.

Lt Col George G. Banks, Commander of the 99 MAS picked up the first C-9, serial number 73-1681, from McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft factory at Long Beach, California. He and his crew flew the aircraft to Andrews with a stop at Scott AFB to pick up General Carleton, MAC Commander for the arrival ceremony. 21 Feb 1975

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Air Force Order of Battle

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#### Sources

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Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

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