

# USAF EXPEDITIONARY CENTER



AIR MOBILITY WARFARE CENTER  
FORT DIX NJ  
MG CHRISTOPHER A. KELLY, #2004  
MG DAVID S. GRAY, #2005

## LINEAGE

Constituted as Military Airlift Command Airlift Operations School on 5 Jul 1978  
Activated on 15 Jul 1978  
Redesignated USAF Air Mobility School on 1 Jun 1992  
Redesignated Air Mobility Warfare Center on 1 Oct 1994  
Redesignated USAF Expeditionary Center on 5 Mar 2007

## STATIONS

Scott AFB, IL, 15 Jul 1978  
Ft Dix AI, NJ, 1 Jul 1994

## ASSIGNMENTS

Military Airlift Command, 15 Jul 1978; Air Mobility Command, 1 Jun 1992

## COMMANDERS

Col Ronald F. Henderson, 1 Sep 1978  
Col Robert L. Trimpl, 1 May 1979  
Col Ray D. Reaves, 30 Jan 1981  
LTC John A. Johaneck II, 22 Apr 1982  
LTC Billie R. Carpenter, 8 Sep 1984  
LTC Lynn C. Feterle, 11 Aug 1986  
LTC John S. Satterthwaite, 29 Jul 1988

Col Robert P. Mims, 25 Mar 1991  
Col Walter S. Evans, 6 Jul 1993  
BG William J. Begert, 1 Oct 1994  
MG Richard C. Marr, 14 Apr 1995  
MG William Welser III, 21 Aug 1997  
MG Silas R. Johnson Jr., 5 Aug 1999  
Col John C. Scherer (acting), 2 Jun 2000  
MG Robert J. Boots, 16 Jun 2000  
MG Christopher A. Kelly, 26 Jul 2002  
MG David S. Gray, 12 May 2005  
MG Kip L. Self, 23 May 2007  
MG Richard T. Devereaux, 19 Oct 2009

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983  
1 Jan 1984-31 Dec 1985  
1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987  
1 Jun 1993-31 May 1994  
6 Jun 1999-5 Jun 2000  
6 Jun 2000-5 Jun 2001  
6 Jun 2001-5 Jun 2002  
6 Jun 2002-5 Jun 2003  
6 Jun 2003-5 Jun 2004  
6 Jun 2004-5 Jun 2005  
6 Jun 2005-5 Jun 2006  
6 Jun 2006-5 Jun 2007  
6 Jun 2007-5 Jun 2008  
6 Jun 2011-5 Jun 2012

## **EMBLEM**

Originally approved on 7 Mar 1979; newest rendition approved on 17 Jul 2007

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

1 October 1994

AMC activated the Air Mobility Warfare Center (redesignated from the USAF Air Mobility School) at Fort Dix, New Jersey, adjacent to McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. The AMC Commander, General Ronald R. Fogleman, championed the creation of a command-specific "center for excellence" that would provide "graduate-level training" in air mobility. Prototypes for such a facility in AMC existed elsewhere in the Air Force, including Air Combat Command's USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada." Initially, the center consolidated at Fort Dix instruction and training functions from seven geographically-separated AMC units: the USAF Air Mobility School at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and its unit locations at Scott; McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota (the former Tanker Tactics Center); and Fort Eustis, Virginia; the 1492d Air Transportation Training Flight at Travis Air Force Base, California; the USAF Mobility Center at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina; and the 314th Ground Combat Readiness Evaluation Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. Concurrently with the return of the C-130s from Air Combat Command on 1 April 1997, the USAF Combat Air Delivery School at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, was reassigned to AMC and the Air Mobility Warfare Center. The result was a command single point for advanced mobility education, training, and testing. The testing mission of the warfare center was facilitated by the 1 October 1994 activation of the 33d Flight Test Squadron, which assumed the flight test mission of the USAF Mobility Center and was the only flight test organization in AMC.

OL A; Travis AFB, CA

New Commander for Air Force Expeditionary Center Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin assumed command of the Air Force Expeditionary Center at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., this week. Gen. Paul Selva, head of Air Mobility Command, presided over the Sept. 9 change-of command ceremony, according to McGuire's Sept. 11 release. Martin succeeded Maj. Gen. William J. Bender who ran the center since October 2010. "There is mobility happening everywhere on every continent of the globe," said Martin upon assuming command. He said the center builds relationships that lead to partnerships. Martin comes to the Expeditionary Center after a year as deputy director of the Office of Security Cooperation-Baghdad, Iraq. The center is the Air Force's center of excellence for advanced expeditionary combat support training and education. 2013

The United States Air Force Expeditionary Center at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., recently reunited with five former commanders in a day devoted to celebrating the center's heritage, according to a Feb. 10 release. "The opportunity to meet face-to-face with each of these former commanders and get their candid feedback about the USAF EC was invaluable and we were

privileged to host the event," said Maj. Gen. Rick Martin, USAF EC commander. Many of the five commanders, who served at the center between 1997 and 2010, noted how it has transitioned from a regular schoolhouse to a schoolhouse with responsibilities "equivalent" to a numbered Air Force, states the release. "When I was commander, we were simply a school house for the Air Force providing air mobility education as well as expeditionary training," said retired Maj. Gen. Richard Devereaux, who served as USAF EC commander from 2009-10. Devereaux said consolidating various organizations under "one very prominent commander" has been "a great development for our Air Force." The former commanders also were briefed on integrated technology and toured the building. 2014

Air Mobility Command is streamlining its contingency response force by creating a single East Coast operations group, one West Coast operations group, and an advisory group, according to a release. Reorganization of the 621st Contingency Response Wing will consolidate the six current groups (four contingency response groups and two contingency operations support groups) located at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., and at Travis AFB, Calif., into three: the 821st Contingency Response Group at Travis and the 621st CRG and 621st Air Mobility Advisory Group at McGuire, states the May 28 release. "These internal changes provide more leadership at the [noncommissioned officer] level, better define the roles and responsibilities in the wing, and assign a single point of ownership of the equipment that the CRW needs to provide rapid global mobility," said Maj. Gen. Rick Martin, commander of the Air Force Expeditionary Center at McGuire. AMC began implementing the changes on May 28 and expects complete all realignment actions by the end of June, states the release. The realignment does not alter the 621st CRW's mission or assigned assets. 2015

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