

164th AIRLIFT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

363rd Fighter Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Dec 1942

Inactivated, 20 Aug 1946

Reconstituted and redesignated 164th Fighter Squadron and allotted to OH NG, 24 May 1946 (21 Aug 1946)

164th Fighter Squadron (SE) extended federal recognition, 20 Jun 1948

Redesignated 164th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 5 Nov 1952

Redesignated 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 10 Nov 1958

Redesignated 164th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 5 Jan 1976

Redesignated 164th Airlift Squadron, 15 Mar 1992

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 1 Dec 1942

Tonopah AAFld, NV, 6 Mar 1943

Santa Rosa AAFld, CA, 3 Jun 1943

Oroville AAFld, CA, 18 Aug 1943

Casper AAFld, WY, 7 Oct-9 Nov 1943

Raydon, England, 1 Dec 1943

Leiston, England, 1 Feb 1944

Neubiberg, Germany, 20 Jul 1945-20 Aug 1946

Mansfield, OH, 20 Jun 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

357th Fighter Group, 1 Dec 1942-20 Aug 1946

66th Fighter Wing

121st Fighter Wing, 20 Jun 1948

179th Tactical Fighter Group, 15 Oct 1962

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

P-39, 1943

P-51D, 1943

F-51D, 1948

F-51H, 1949

F-80C, 1953

F-84E, 1954
F-84F, 1957
F-100D, 1972
F-100F
C-130B
C-130H

Support Aircraft

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

P-51B

42-106458	43-24766	43-6519	43-6712	43-6920
42-106696	43-24817	43-6563	43-6712	43-6940
42-106783	43-24823	43-6564	43-6720	43-6947
42-106793	43-24823	43-6566	43-6723	43-6963
42-106918	43-24823	43-6594	43-6755	43-6986
43-12131	43-24842	43-6624	43-6758	43-6998
43-12159	43-6393	43-6628	43-6763	43-6999
43-12187	43-6397	43-6644	43-6858	43-7011
43-12255	43-6427	43-6644	43-6904	43-7052
43-12315	43-6429	43-6686	43-6904	43-24823
43-12471	43-6510	43-6686	43-6904	43-6712

P-51C

42-103002
42-103002
42-103041
42-103286
42-103309

P-51D

44-14414	44-13712	44-14490	44-15035	44-63755
44-63763	44-13714	44-14519	44-15035	44-63810
44-11331	44-13716	44-14532	44-15161	44-72187
44-13388	44-13717	44-14672	44-15370	44-72244
44-13388	44-13745	44-14736	44-15385	44-72258
44-13388	44-13745	44-14768	44-15422	44-72275
44-13518	44-13887	44-14784	44-15504	44-72328
44-13522	44-13897	44-14888	44-15529	44-72937
44-13570	44-13897	44-14888	44-15630	44-13887
44-13573	44-13923	44-14937	44-63168	44-63629
44-13573	44-14009	44-14937	44-63220	44-72949
44-13573	44-14009	44-14937	44-63621	44-73222
44-13681	44-14356	44-14976	44-63634	44-64108
44-13681	44-14450	44-14977	44-63680	44-13681
44-13712	44-14450	44-15####	44-63710	

P-51K

44-11643
44-11373
44-11672
44-11643

F-51H

44-64176	44-64237	44-64306	44-64536	44-64632
44-64178	44-64239	44-64411	44-64538	44-64641
44-64197	44-64259	44-64422	44-64541	44-64647
44-64200	44-64272	44-64437	44-64542	44-64656
44-64203	44-64273	44-64451	44-64544	44-64666
44-64204	44-64274	44-64478	44-64548	44-64684
44-64220	44-64278	44-64486	44-64580	
44-64230	44-64280	44-64529	44-64582	
44-64235	44-64281	44-64530	44-64585	
44-64236	44-64282	44-64533	44-64596	

F-100

63109

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

F-100D: yellow tail band with white trim. The word Ohio was written in white script fletters within the band.

COMMANDERS

Cpt Stuart R. Lauler, 8 Jan 1943
Cpt Clay R. Davis, 20 May 1943
1Lt Wesley S. Mink, 13 Jul 1943
Maj Donald W. Graham, 27 Sep 1943
Cpt Joe H. Giltner, Nov 1943
1Lt Montgomery H. Throop, 28 Jan 1944
Cpt Edwin W. Hiro, 16 May 1944
Maj Guernsey I. Carlisle, 21 Sep 1944
Maj Donald C. McGee, 2 Feb 1945
Maj Donald H. Bochkay, 22 May 1945
Cpt William O. Ash, 20 Jun 1948
Maj Albert B. Line, 29 Jan 1951
Maj Andrew Lacy, Feb 1959
Cpt Emerson E. Lewis, 18 Jan 1960
Maj Chester F. Jatzak, 15 Oct 1962
Maj James M. McMullen, 15 November 1965
Maj David E. Sherck, May 1966

LTC Raymond R. Sarafin, 15 Jan 1972
LTC William A. Millson, 11 Dec 1973
LTC William J. Phaneuf, Jr., 1 Feb 1978
LTC David L. Cotton, 29 Dec 1984
LTC Donald L. Eby, Oct 1986
LTC Gary A. McCue, Feb 2004-Jul 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe
Air Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Germany, 6 Mar and 29 Jun 1944
Derben, Germany, 14 Jan 1945

French Croix de Guerre with Palm
11 Feb 1944-15 Jan 1945

Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations
Derben, Germany, on 14 January 1945,
Berlin, Germany on 6 May and 29 June 1944

French Croix de Guerre w/palm
Germany and France, from 11 February 1944 to 15 January 1945.

EMBLEM

Red and then white rings frame a deep blue background. On the background, is a smiling skull pierced from the top of the head on a down/left slant by a sword which emerges from the right lower cheek bone of the skull. The sword is tipped with blood red. A black field, surrounded by a red border encloses the lettering, "164th Fighter Squadron".

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGNS

Chamber
to 22 April '44 then:
Cement (A Group)
Diver (B Group)

OPERATIONS

Originally organized as the 363rd Fighter Squadron at Hamilton Field, California on 1 December 1942, it trained in the United States and departed for overseas on the Queen Elizabeth on 23 November 1943, arriving in England on 29 November 1943. The unit was awarded battle credits for Air Offensive Europe, Ardennes, Central Europe, Rhineland, Normandy and Northern France. It was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy over Germany. In July 1945 the unit was transferred from England to Germany.

The 164th Fighter Squadron was formed and federally recognized at Mansfield Municipal Airport on 20 June 1948. The community leaders formed an advisory committee chaired by Colonel Alan P. Tappan (owner of Tappan Stove). Their objective was to locate an Air National Guard Unit in Mansfield, Ohio.

The committee received an ultimatum from the Air force: Provided the amount of men required to support a unit, and Mansfield would receive their unit. For three days in May 1948, Mansfield supported a major recruiting drive, thus resulting in the first 353 member unit.

In Jul 1949 the unit received F-51H which had been stored in Alaska for some period of time. While awaiting disposition of the F-51Ds the aircraft began to accumulate until at one time there were 43 aircraft assigned to the 164th.

Designing the unit began in 1949 with the construction of the old hanger. At a cost of \$640,000, it seemed expensive at the time. The hanger was followed by the supply building, the motorpool, the base operations in 1951

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The summer camp of 1950 was held at Lockbourne AFB, OH, Aerial gunnery was staged out of Romulous, Michigan to the lower Lake Huron range. Ground gunnery was staged out of a base in Kentucky and the range at Fort Knox.

During the early years much progress was made in the facilities used by the unit. In 1949 ground was broken for a new hanger, supply warehouse, parking apron and fuel storage facility. These buildings were occupied in June 1950. Funds were made available for the administration building and the motor maintenance shop. The unit moved into the completed facilities on 1 December 1951.

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Summer camp 1951 was at Grayling, MI. The unit command changed in Jan 1951 with Maj Albert B. Line replacing Maj William O. Ash. Summer camp 1952 and 1953 were also held in Grayling.

The 164th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron participated in the ANG-ADC Augmentation Alert program during the period 15 Aug 1954 through 30 Jun 1956. During this period it accomplished 504 scrambles and 774 intercepts.

1958 Field training was held in Alpena, MI in Aug of the year. Members of the 164th participated in Exercise Dark Cloud-Pine Cone II, a joint exercise conducted at Fort Bragg, NC, during May 1959.

It was called to active duty on 1 Oct 1961 during the Berlin Crisis and contributed personnel and equipment to the 7121st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed at Etain Air Base, France. In Aug 1962, the unit was released from active duty and reverted to the control of the State of OH. Shortly thereafter, on 19 Oct 1962, the 179th TFG was activated with the Fighter Squadron retaining the original 164th designation.

During 1963 the unit performed field training at home station. A few men were deployed to Niagara Falls, NY, to aid in accomplishing air-to-air gunnery missions.

In Apr 1964 members of the unit participated in a five day training exercise designated Operation Shock Wave at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. Field training 1964 was performed in Jun at Alpena.

Field training 1966 was performed at Alpena during Aug. In Sep the first F-84s returned from Travis Field, GA with the new olive, tan and white paint job.

15 Mar 1967 members of the unit departed for Hickam AFB, HI, to participate in Tropic Lightning III Exercise. Guardsmen numbering 156 supported the 30 day exercise. A huge air show marked the dedication of the Brig Gen Frank P. Lahm Building at Mansfield on 9 Sep 1967.

During 1968 the 179th supported the regulars by pulling aerial targets for F-4 gunnery missions at Eglin AFB, FL.

179th performed in a joint fire-power demonstration at Fort Lewis, WA. 179th Guardsmen also supported the Air National Guard Strike Two Exercise in 1968. Field training was held at Alpena again.

A one-week exercise in Alaska termed Punch Card V began the 1969 year. Field training that year was conducted in August at Savannah, Georgia. In April 1970 members of the 179th were at

Cape Kennedy as guest of Astronaut and former member Fred Haise, a crew member on Apollo 13. Field training 1970 was held at Alpena in Jul.

The unit closed out its tactical fighter mission on 5 Jan 1976, after eight years and eight months of accident-free flying in jet fighter aircraft. At that time it was redesignated as a Tactical Airlift Group and equipped with eight C-130B.

The years 1990 and 1991 were another transitional period. The last C-130B model aircraft left the base on 30 Nov 1990 to make way for the new C-130H which came in Apr 1991.

Last fall in Iraq, the Air Force and Army jointly tested a direct support concept of employment that had the 164th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, a C-130 contingent from the Ohio Air National Guard, collocated with and under the control of the Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade. It worked. In fact, three senior Air Force officials told House Armed Services air and land forces panel April 28 that the 25th CAB commander said, "The 164th EAS exceeded my expectations with the Proof of Concept and the support we have received in such a short period of time; it is a leap ahead in joint capability." David Van Buren, Lt. Gen. Phillip Breedlove, and Brig. Gen. Richard Johnston also noted that the employment of C-130s was only "one way to provide DS to the Army." The currently reduced buy of C-27Js has opened the mission to the C-130 and possibly the C-17. 2010

The Ohio ANG's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield has become the first of eight Air Guard combat-ready units to convert to the C-27J transport, the Air Force's newest airlifter. Army Maj. Gen. Gregory Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, joined wing officials and local and state politicians on Aug. 14 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, the wing's home, to celebrate the conversion. On the previous day, "The Spirit of Mansfield," the first of the unit's four C-27Js arrived there. The wing has flown C-130s since 1976. The Air Guard installation was initially recommended for closure through a 2005 base realignment and closure decision, but later received the new mission. The Mansfield News Journal reported Sunday that the wing expects to have all four of its C-27s in place by February 2011. Mansfield is also under consideration to host the C-27J schoolhouse. Monday August 16, 2010

The Air Force's C-27 fleet was grounded at the end of December after the discovery of metal shavings inside the fuel cells of all eight aircraft in the service's inventory, officials told the Daily Report. It's not yet clear what caused the problem, but officials said they expect "it's something left over from the manufacturing process," considering that's the apparent common thread across all eight aircraft, said Col. Gary Akins, the Air National Guard's acting deputy director of air, space, and air operations. The three aircraft assigned to Robins AFB, Ga., have since been cleared to fly, but last we heard, the Spartans assigned to the ANG's 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield Lahm Airport in Ohio, and the two aircraft undergoing pre-delivery modifications at contractor L3's plant in Waco, Tex., remained grounded as workers waited on spare parts. The desire to get the mini tactical airlifters to Afghanistan is great and Guard officials said they are feeling the "pressure" to deploy the first aircraft to theater in March. But the grounding delayed some much-needed training time for the Air Guard aircrews, who are still learning the ins and outs of the new aircraft. USAF is building a fleet of 38 C-27s for the Air Guard.

Airmen with the Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield have embarked on the first-ever overseas deployment of the Air Guard's new C-27J, unit officials announced Tuesday. The Mansfield airmen headed to Afghanistan, along with National Guard soldiers from Georgia and Oklahoma, to work in conjunction with the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade out of Ft. Campbell, Ky. The C-27s will provide direct support to Army ground units via airlifts and airdrops. "I could not be more proud of the folks around the country and the agencies and organizations that assisted with getting these planes out the door," said Col. Gary McCue, 179th AW commander. This C-27J team will remain overseas for nine months, said Mansfield officials. The Ohio wing was the first Air Guard unit to convert to the C-27J capable of operating from austere airstrips. The challenges of bedding down the new aircraft, while simultaneously preparing for its maiden overseas rotation, delayed the deployment for several months. 2011

440208	P-51	43-12368	Hubbard
440221	P-51	43-6723	Boyle
440224	P-51	43-6940	Mckee
440305	P-51	43-6763	Yeager
440308	P-51	42-103041	Gambill
440322	P-51	43-12315	Jones
440329	P-51	43-7052	Gutierrez
440329	P-51	43-6628	McGinley
440606	P-51	43-6947	Smith
440606	P-51	43-6397	Pagels
440610	P-51	43-6563	Childs
440412	P-51	43-6720	Reust
440424	P-51	43-6986	Donnell
440424	P-51	43-6624	Himman
440707	P-51	43-6858	Koka
440810	P-51	44-13712	Simpson Jr
440810	P-51	42-106696	Ferron
440817	P-51	44-13522	Kenney
440913	P-51	44-13745	Burnett
440915	P-51	42-106783	Nowlin
440915	P-51	43-24842	Graeff
440919	P-51	44-13518	Hiro
441012	P-51	44-13714	Pascoe
441127	P-51	44-11331	Gailer Jr
441224	P-51	44-13923	Helwig
450102	P-51	44-14490	Sitzer
450114	P-51	44-15370	Dunlop Jr
450114	P-51	44-14784	Sloan
450209	P-51	44-15630	Browning
450223	P-51	44-14768	Taylor
450302	P-51	44-14888	Mallione
450302	P-51	44-15161	Crawford
450330	P-51	44-72328	Myers
450409	P-51	44-13570	Haack

430326	P-39D	41-28313	LACMF	Bingman, Stuart	B & G Rng, Tonopah, NV
430514	P-39N	42-18823	LACMF	Rogers, Ellis A	B & G Rng, Tonopah, NV
430529	AT-6A	41-16344	LACGL	Wallace, John W	B & G Rng, Tonopah, NV

430609	P-39N	42-9363KSSP	Wyss, Virgil E	8 Mi W of Graton, CA
430613	P-39Q	42-19508	LAC Pierce, Joseph F	Santa Rosa Army Ardrm, CA
430615	P-39Q	42-19566	LAC Rogers, Ellis A	Army Ardrm, Santa Rosa, CA
430628	P-39N	42-18823	BOLoC Overstreet, William B	2 Mi NW Geyserville, CA
430703	P-39N	42-8873MACOB	Troup, Donald S	Mt Helena
430707	P-39Q	42-19573	KMAC Davis, Clay R	Into Pacific Ocean, 5 To 10 Mi W Point Jenner
430707	P-39N	42-9104KBOMAC	Maher, Lyle J	Into Pacific Ocean, 5 To 10 Mi W Point Jenner
430710	P-39L	42-4469TOA	Wellman, James I	Santa Rosa AAF, CA
430714	P-39Q	42-19593	TAC Moore, Robert N	Santa Rosa, CA
430715	P-39N	42-8868BOSF	Peters, Charles K	Santa Rosa Army Airdrome, CA
430727	P-39Q	42-19819	BOSSP Shepherd, Keith S	4 Mi SW Sonoma, CA
430822	P-39N	42-8873MAC	Simpson, Edward K	5 Mi W Oroville Army Arprt
430823	P-39Q	42-19593	KCRGC Mickelson, Harold J	2 Mi N AAF, Oroville, CA
430823	P-39Q	42-19556	LAC Troup, Donald S	Oroville, CA
430825	P-39D	41-28327	LAC Browning, James W	Oroville, CA
430831	AT-6A	41-198	LACGL Wellman, James I	Oroville Army Airdrome
430903	P-39Q	42-19880	LACBL Sheppard, Keith S	Army Airdrome, Oroville, CA
440205	P-51B	43-6566LAC	Browning, James W	Leiston/Sta 373
440223	P-51B	43-12471	TAC Gutierrez, Santiago R	Leiston/Sta 373
440223	P-51B	43-12255	TAC Hurley, William M	Leiston/Sta 373
440305	P-51B	43-6758LAC	Wood, Lawrence D	Leiston/Sta 373
440306	P-51B	43-6427LAC	Michaely, William D	Leiston/Sta 373
440308	P-51B	43-6564LAC	Tiede, Ernest C Jr	Leiston/Sta 373
440330	P-51B5	43-6920LAC	Tiede, Ernest C Jr	Leiston/Sta 373
440425	P-51B	43-6712TAC	Pierce, Joseph F	Leiston/Sta 373
440523	P-51B5	43-6920GL	Davis, William S	Leiston/Sta 373
440607	P-51B7	43-6686LAC	Koka, Frank (NMI)	Leiston/Sta 373
440711	P-51B7	43-6686TAC	Peters, Charles K	RAF Rednall
440716	P-51B10	42-106458	LAC Skrha, John R	Leiston/Sta 373
440817	P-51B7	43-6999KSF	Campbell, Charles O	Leiston/Sta 373
440917	P-51B5	43-6510TOAEF	Fisher, Norbert G	Leiston/Sta 373
440922	P-51B	43-6566LAC	Bowles, Paul N	Leiston/Sta 373
440926	P-51C1	42-103002	GL Gailer, Frank L Jr	Leiston/Sta 373
441001	P-51D	44-14009	TAC Wolf, Raymond E	Leiston/Sta 373
441001	P-51B	43-6904TAC	Dunlop, William R Jr	Leiston/Sta 373
441130	P-51D	44-14976	LAC Pielich, Peter (NMI)	Leiston/Sta 373
441230	P-51B	43-6904LAC	Stern, John R	Harrington/Sta 179
441231	P-51D5	44-13681	LACEF Emery, Michael E	Leiston/ nr Sta 373
450114	P-51D	44-13573	CBL Taylor, James E	Leiston/Sta 373
450116	P-51D20	44-63220	KCRL Thompson, William B	Clowes Corner, Earle Soh
450127	AT-6	42-84593	KCR Corby, Walter E	Swingate/ nr Dover
450203	P-51D	44-14356	LAC Myers, Daniel N	Leiston/Sta 373
450203	P-51D15	44-15504	LAC Pielich, Peter (NMI)	Leiston/Sta 373
450210	P-51B	43-6755W	KCR Johnson, Holsey C Jr	Felixstowe/ offshore
450215	P-51D15	44-15422	CBLEF Casey, John G	Leiston/Sta 373
450227	P-51B15	43-24766	KMAC Hoffman, Robert R	Westlton/ 1mi N
450312	P-51D	44-72067	KCR Landis, Keehn	18M NE Matagorda City, TX
450403	P-51D	44-13388	CRLEF Pielich, Peter (NMI)	Leiston/Sta 373
450418	P-51D	44-13573	CRLoG Van Roy, Harlan Q	Leiston/Sta 373
450503	P-51D	44-63710	KCR Fifield, Robert S	Westleton/ 1/2mi E
450530	P-51B15	43-24823W	LAC Davis, William S	Leiston/Sta 373
450614	P-51B7	43-6686W	KMAC Barrett, George P	Orfordness/ 10mi E
451024	P-51D20	44-63621	TAC Kyle, Frank A	Neubiberg/R-85
460208	P-51D-20NA	44-72187	FLEF Vander Veen, Cornelius (NMI)	Haar/ 1/4mi N
460725	P-51D-20NA	44-63213	BO Ludlow, John D	Freising/ 8mi N
500128	F-51H	46-64237	LACMF Zsarnay, Elmer A.	Mansfield MAP

500228	F-51D	44-61231	TAC	parked	Mitchel AFB
500422	F-51H	44-64272	CBLEF	Gorsuch, Ben H.	4 Mi SW Greenwich
500426	F-51H	44-64632	GAC	Anatra, Bartolo	Mansfield MAP
500513	F-51H	44-64204	CBLMF	Sentieri, Reynold J.	2 Mi N Port Huron
500712	F-51H	44-64178	TACMF	Line, Albert B.	Patterson AFB
500808	F-51H	44-64666	TACMF	Witchey, Leslie E.	Lockbourne AFB
500827	F-51H	44-64176	TAC	Fokapa, Milan R. Jr	Mansfield MAP
501005	F-51H	44-64582	TAC	EyyerM Robert G.	Mansfield MAP
501015	F-51H	44-64203	LACMF	Etter, Robert G.	Cheyenne MAP
501031	F-51H	44-64654	GAC	Smiley, Clifford I.	Mansfield MAP
510401	F-51H	44-64654	KCR	Hartman, Robert B.	6 Mi ENE Calderwood





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