

## 189<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT WING



### LINEAGE

Organized 189<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Sep 1962  
Redesignated 189<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Group, 1 Jan 1976  
Redesignated 189<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Oct 1986  
Redesignated 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Group, 16 Apr 1992  
Redesignated 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1995

### STATIONS

Little Rock AFB, AR

### ASSIGNMENTS

Strategic Air Command  
Air Mobility Command,  
Air Combat Command, 1 Oct 1993  
Air Education and Training Command, 1 Apr 1997

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

#### Mission Aircraft

RF-101, 1965  
KC-135, 1976  
C-130, 1986

#### Support Aircraft

### ASSIGNED TAIL/BASE CODES

### COMMANDERS

Col Drew F. Holbrook, Aug 1962  
Col Lawrence O. Savage, Oct 1969  
Col Joe A. Caple, May 1974  
MG Herbert L. Wassell, Jr., Feb 1978  
Col Jerry W. Cook, Jul 1979  
BG Charles R. Linz, Aug 1983  
Col William R. Canino, Jun 1987  
BG Shelby G. Bryant, Nov 1988

Col Danny R. Smith, Jul 1999

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The mission of the 189th is to train C-130 aircrew instructor candidates to become instructors in their respective crew positions, so that they may return to their units and keep their unit members combat ready. In addition, the wing operates the Air National Guard Enlisted Aircrew Academic School, which trains all the Air Force's C-130 entry-level loadmasters before they are sent across base to the 314th Airlift Wing for initial and mission qualification training. Additionally, the academic school is one of two flight engineer schools to provide entry-level flight engineer training for Air Force flight engineers.

Parked on the flight line, next to the Base Fire Station, is a C-131D. First accepted in the Air Force inventory on June 5, 1956 at the Convair factory in San Diego, CA, the C-131 has been assigned to the Pentagon, at United States bases in Maryland and New York and in countries such as Germany, Turkey, Greece, Panama and Brazil, and has seen service throughout the free world. Prior to coming to the 189th in 1976, the C-131 was assigned to the Foreign Service and supported the United States Embassy in Brazil for a year. The "D" model is the second in the C-131 series to serve the 189th, the first being an "A" model that was stationed here in 1975. We use the aircraft primarily to support our unit and others for the airlift of passengers, spare parts and equipment. Flying at its relatively low speed and altitude, a trip in the C-131 is most enjoyable.

Members of the Arkansas Air and Army National Guard help a Hurricane Gustav medical evacuee onto a 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing C-130 in Little Rock for transportation back to healthcare facilities in Louisiana. From left to right is Col Don Cronkhite, director of military services, Maj Phil Moorehouse, aircraft commander, Col James Summers, 189<sup>th</sup> commander, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Shoptaw

**2005 1 Sep** Two C-130 assigned to the 189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas ANG, airlifted equipment from Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to NAS New Orleans.

**3 Sep** Seven C-130 assigned to the 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Arkansas ANG, evacuated 593 patients from Louis Armstrong IAP in New Orleans, Louisiana to Ft Smith, Arkansas. The 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing flew twenty-nine sorties to complete the evacuation mission.

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, Ark. – Approximately 40 patients displaced to Arkansas from Louisiana by Hurricane Gustav made their way back home 14 Sep from Little Rock with the help of the Arkansas National Guard. A C-130 from the 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing provided quick transport of evacuees with sensitive medical conditions back to healthcare facilities near their homes. Over 270 people were evacuated from facilities in Louisiana via the National Disaster Medical System process, and have been cared for at medical facilities across Arkansas since 29 Aug. The mission was flown in a state active duty status under the direction of Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe, and was requested through the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. The Arkansas National Guard provided the aircraft as an expedient and safe method of transportation for the patients, who would otherwise have had to endure long hours of ground transportation. Medical care, monitoring and patient assistance was handled by volunteer nurses from the Arkansas Department of Health and paramedics from the Metropolitan Emergency Medical Service (MEMS) ambulance service. Getting him ready to go – Arkansas Air National Guard Master Sgt. Stanley Bee of the 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing’s Aerial Port manifests a Hurricane Gustav medical evacuee before the man is loaded into a C-130 for quick transport back to healthcare facilities in Louisiana. Approximately 40 patients with sensitive medical conditions were airlifted September 14 under the direction of the governor as part of a state active duty mission. On the ramp – Ambulances line up to deliver Hurricane Gustav medical evacuees to a waiting Arkansas Air National Guard C-130 September 14 for quick transportation from Little Rock back to healthcare facilities in Louisiana. 2008

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