

300 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

100 Transport Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1943

Activated, 21 Jun 1943

Disbanded, 1 Dec 1943

Reconstituted and redesignated 100 Air Transport Squadron, Medium, 20 Jun 1952

Activated, 20 Jul 1952

Inactivated, 25 Oct 1955

300 Military Airlift Squadron (Associate) constituted, 31 Jul 1969

Activated in the Reserve, 25 Sep 1969

100 Air Transport Squadron, Medium and 300 Military Airlift Squadron (Associate) consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated organization designated 300 Military Airlift Squadron (Associate)

Redesignated 300 Airlift Squadron (Associate), 1 Feb 1992

Redesignated 300 Airlift Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Sookerating, India, 21 Jun-1 Dec 1943

Haneda AB (later, Tokyo International Aprt), Japan, 20 Jul 1952-8 Oct 1955

McGuire AFB, NJ, 9-25 Oct 1955

Charleston AFB, SC, 25 Sep 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

29 Transport Group, 21 Jun-1 Dec 1943
1503 Air Transport Wing, 20 Jul 1952
1611 Air Transport Group, 9-25 Oct 1955
943 Military Airlift Group, 25 Sep 1969
315 Military Airlift (later, 315 Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1973
315 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943
C-46, 1943
C-54, 1952-1955
C-141, 1959-1997
C-17, 1997

COMMANDERS

Unkn, Jun-Dec 1943
Maj John K. Thompson, 21 Jun 1952
Lt Col Gordon L. Kelley, By Jun 1953
Maj William H. Munn, 8 Apr 1954
Lt Col Gordon L. Kelly, 15 Sep 1954-Oct 1955
Lt Col Knox R. Hardy, 25 Sep 1969
Maj Donald C. Hart, 29 Mar 1972
Maj Ronald W. Hull, By Dec 1972
Maj Earl E. Fairchild Jr., By Sep 1973
Maj Malvin D. Sinclair, By Aug 1974
Maj Earl E. Fairchild Jr., Jul 1975
Lt Col Jerome Yarchever, 1 Nov 1975
Lt Col Benjamin H. Tollison, 6 Nov 1979
Lt Col Charles F. Gosser, By Jun 1981
Lt Col Malvin D. Sinclair, By Jun 1983
Lt Col Raymond L. Bell Jr., 30 Jun 1986
Lt Col William Dubis, 2 Sep 1987
Lt Col Steven R. Donovan, 1 Jul 1991
Lt Col Sidney W. Stuart, 20 Jun 1993
Lt Col Donny E. Griffin, 19 Jun 1994
Lt Col Michael C. Stampley, 18 Jun 1995
Lt Col John G. Mentavlos, 3 May 1998
Lt Col Jeffrey R. Morrow, 8 Aug 1999
Lt Col John P. Hall Jr., 9 Sep 2000
Lt Col Richard L. Kemble, Jan 2008
Lt Col Robert P. Graham, 21 Feb 2009
Lt Col Gordon E. Fornell, 24 Mar 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

India-Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989-1990

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

13 Jun 1970-30 Jun 1972

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1973

1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1990

21 Sep-31 Oct 1989

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Sep 1998-31 Aug 2000

11 Sep 2001-10 Sep 2003

1 Aug 2005-31 Jul 2007

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

25 Sep 1969-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



A medium blue disc edged with a narrow yellow border, the sinister portion a white crescent fimbriated yellow on which is a representation of an olive branch with brown stems and green leaves, highlighted white. On the medium blue portion a yellow globe with axis bendwise with blue grid lines on a blue rod surmounted by a directional arrow arced from base divided blue and white, the arrow head surmounting the globe: above the-globe one yellow five-pointed star and two white five pointed stars above three arrows, one in pale and two in saltire with yellow shafts, brown arrowheads and feathers garnished white. Attached above the disc a white scroll edged yellow and inscribed AD ASTRA in blue letters. Attached below the disc a blank white scroll edged yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The white crescent represents the moon, the olive branch signifies humanitarian airlift and aerial evacuation missions, the blue in the disc stands for the sky as the medium for the squadron's flights, and the divided arrow denotes the capability to fly day and night operations. The lined globe represents the earth and shows the world-wide mission and capabilities of the squadron, while the three stars stand for the three flying squadrons of the 315th MAW (Associate). (Approved, 1 Aug 1978)



On a disc Celeste and Argent, debruised by a bend embowed Or, in sinister an olive branch Proper, in dexter chief a mullet of the third, above two smaller mullets one and one of the second, in fess point a globe of the third set on an axis Azure, latitude lines of the last, debruised by a stylized arrow of the like and of the second ascending from base, in dexter three arrows one palewise and two sinisterwise of the third, armed and flighted Gold Brown, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AD ASTRA" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "300 AIRLIFT SQUADRON" in Yellow 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 three stars represent the Squadron and its two sister units. The larger star also represents the North Star. The globe depicts the planet Earth and Mars, to which future supply missions will eventually travel. The two colors of the arrow indicate air routes which are night and day flight. The head of the arrow represents an aircraft. The arrows have shafts with tips and feathers depicting airlift of troops and armament. The crescent depicts the moon overshadowing Earth. The olive branch is symbolic of airlift of supplies in support of disaster relief efforts and air evacuation, as well as efforts in the furthering of peace around the world. (Approved, 25 Jun 1996)

MOTTO

AD ASTRA--To the Stars

OPERATIONS

Airlifted military supplies from India to Allied forces in Burma and China in 1943.

Airlift missions within Japan and to Southeast and southern Asia, 1952-1955.

Airlifted US ex-prisoners of war from Japan to the U.S. following the Korean War and transported French troops wounded in Indo-china from Japan to France and Algeria in 1954. Worldwide airlift, 1969.

Airlifted US troops to Grenada and US students from Grenada to the U.S. in 1983 and supported the 1989 contingency operation in Panama.

Charleston Airmen Provide Humanitarian Aid to Guatemala Reservists from the 300 Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, S.C., traveled more than 2,700 miles Feb. 3 to deliver about 77,000 pounds of cargo to a children's hospice facility in Guatemala. The mission involved a C-17 delivering a donated school bus and supplies through the efforts of the Mission of Love Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Austintown, Ohio. It is estimated that more than 3,500 people from the rural area of Tecpan, Guatemala, will benefit from the donated school bus, food, clothing and medical supplies. Missions like these are made possible by the Denton Amendment, a State Department program allowing the Air Force to deliver donated humanitarian aid on a space-available basis. "We could not do it without the Denton program," said Kathleen Price, founder and director of the Mission of Love Foundation. "Through the Denton program and U.S. Air Force, our hands are extended worldwide." "It's a cool opportunity to get aid to people who otherwise would not get the chance to receive these items," said Staff Sgt. Justin Palmer, a resident of Powell, Tenn., and 300 AS loadmaster. "It's an honor to take part in these types of missions. It makes the trip worthwhile to be able to see their faces and to see their appreciation." Thomas Nelson, a resident of Poland, Ohio, was on hand in Guatemala to see the school bus unloaded from the C-17. "We are hoping the bus can change generations of lives," said Nelson, who, along with his wife, Dr. Kathie Nelson, purchased the bus for the foundation. While Airmen assigned to the 300 AS execute numerous missions annually, they especially enjoy these types of opportunities. "It makes you feel great and has a direct impact more so than just giving money away," said Lt. Col. Lance Livesey, one of the pilots on the mission. "Additionally, it adds to the crew's morale." In the past year, the 315th Airlift Wing has flown seven missions to six different countries, transporting more than 84 tons of humanitarian aid, as part of the Denton cargo program. The relief missions are part of ongoing efforts by the 315th AW to utilize flight training hours to provide humanitarian relief to countries in need while also providing mandated training to C-17 aircrew members. 2013

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