

## 437<sup>th</sup> AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The mission of the 437th Aerial Port Squadron is to provide responsive global cargo and passenger movement operations while cultivating combat-ready airmen.

### **LINEAGE**

437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, 27 Dec 1965

Organized 8 Jan 1966

### **STATIONS**

Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 1966

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Howard W. Metts, #1966

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

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

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

### **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 437 APS was activated on December 27, 1965 and organized on January 8, 1966 under the command of Lt. Col. Howard W. Metts. The newly formed squadron handled over 52,000 missions and processed over 146,500 passengers and 48,435 tons of cargo during its first year. Since that first year, the squadron's focus has shifted from being a major passenger terminal to an emphasis on cargo movement.

Over the years, the 437 APS has supported many aircraft to include C-124s, C-130Es, C-5s, C-141s, and C-17s along with numerous commercial carriers. In June 2005, the squadron transported over 12,000 tons of cargo in a single month breaking both the AMC and Air Force records.

From 1991 to 1992, the 437 APS supported daily C-141 missions on Desert Express providing critical aircraft and weapon system parts to Operations Desert Shield/Storm. The squadron has supported Humanitarian missions to Russia, Somalia, Kurdistan, and recently to Pakistan for earthquake relief. The squadron also moved over 2,300 tons and 29,000 passengers supporting relief operations for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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