

445 AIRLIFT CONTROL FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

445 Airlift Control Flight constituted 14 Jul 1987
Activated in the Reserve
on 1 Oct 1987
Inactivated on 1 May 1994
Activated in the Reserve on 1 Jun 2003

STATIONS

Norton AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1987
March AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1993-1 May 1994.
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Jun 2003-

ASSIGNMENTS

445 Military Airlift (later, 445 Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1987
445 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-1 May 1994
445 Operations Group, 1 Jun 2003

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

There was no fanfare or well-wishers present when the lights went off for the last time Sept. 3 at the 445th Airlift Control Flight here. The ALCF arrived just as quietly more than five years ago from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., as a result of a restructure across Air Force Reserve Command. The 445th Airlift Wing is one of four reserve bases losing the ALCF while other reserve units absorb the manning and mission requirements. The remaining ALCFs will have more personnel and capabilities to meet future requirements. Maj. Todd Baker, 445th ALCF operations officer, said they prepared for this occasion for more than a year. "When the 445th ALCF was activated in 2004, we had 14 people assigned to the unit. Our last two weeks here, it was down to four people," he said. The flight deployed to austere airfields and set up the command control structure for the Air Mobility Command. The unit typically deployed with aerial port, maintenance, security forces, and medical units as a Contingency Response Element. Since 2004, the ALCF participated in many deployment exercises in places such as Germany, Hawaii and Wisconsin, working with the Air Force, Marines and Army. "We didn't just totally shut down right away. We were able to complete one more mission before we closed our doors," said Maj. Baker, referring to an equipment transfer to the 512th ALCF at Dover Air Force Base, Del., which absorbed part of the unit's mission. "We inventoried and packed up our equipment, built our own pallets and coordinated the airlift. I think it is fitting that a unit whose mission was to deploy and help others deploy was able to roll itself up and move its own equipment one last time," he said. Flight members were absorbed into another position in the wing, retired or transferred to another base. "Working in the unit gave me the opportunity to meet and work with a lot of great people and learn all aspects of the Air Mobility mission," he said. 2009

The Airlift Control Flight for the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, which is one of four Air Force Reserve Command ALCFs that are shutting down as part of USAF's 2010 aircraft restructuring plan announced in June, formally closed its doors Sept. 30, according to an Oct. 15 wing release. Reservists either found a new slot in the wing, retired, or transferred to another base. The equipment went to the AFRC unit at Dover AFB, Del. The other three closing ALCFs, whose airmen set up command and control operations at austere airfields when needed for Air Mobility Command missions, are at Dobbins ARB, Ga., McChord AFB, Wash., and Peterson AFB, Colo. 2009

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