

464 TACTICAL AIRLIFT WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 15 Dec 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1953
Redesignated 464 Troop Carrier Wing, Assault, 1 Dec 1958
Redesignated 464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 8 Jan 1964
Redesignated 464 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Mar 1966
Redesignated 464 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 May 1967
Inactivated, 31 Aug 1971

STATIONS

Lawson AFB, GA, 1 Feb 1953
Pope AFB, NC, 21 Sep 1954-31 Aug 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Feb 1953
Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1957
838 Air Division, 1 Jul 1963
839 Air Division, 9 Nov 1964-31 Aug 1971

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-46, 1953-1954
C-119, 1953-1958
H-19, 1955-1956
C-123, 1955-1964
C-130, 1963-1971

COMMANDERS

Col Troy W. Crawford, 1 Feb 1953

Col Charles D. Birdsall, 20 Apr 1953
Col Troy W. Crawford, 18 May 1953
Brig Gen Theodore G. Kershaw, 15 Aug 1955
Col James I. Cox, II Jun 1959
Brig Gen Clyde Box, 7 Jul 1959
Col James I. Cox, 31 May 1960
Brig Gen Clyde Box, 27 Jun 1960
Col Arthur P. Hurr, 12 Jun 1961
Brig Gen Clyde Box, 14 Aug 1961
Col Arthur P. Hurr, 9 Oct 1961
Col William T. Daly, 17 Oct 1961
Col William L. Welch, 23 Jul 1963
Col James G. Silliman, 31 May 1966
Col William H. Mason, 31 May 1967
Col Clarence B. Slaughter, Jr., 1 Sep 1967
Col Norman T. Lawrence, 25 Apr 1969
Col Billie J. Norwood, 15 Jan-31 Aug 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
28 Nov 1961-1 May 1963
20-28 Nov 1964
1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

EMBLEM



464 Troop Carrier Wing patch

464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium emblem: Azure, surmounting a cloud argent, an American eagle descendant, wings

endorsed proper, between his beak four lightning streaks, two and two gules, speed lines of the first all inclosed by two bendlets sinister vert, edged or. (Approved, 15 Apr 1954)

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OPERATIONS

Replaced the 434th Troop Carrier Wing in 1953. Provided tactical airlift of troops and cargo, participated in joint airborne training with Army forces, and took part in tactical exercises in the United States and overseas, 1953-1971. Provided aeromedical airlift and flew humanitarian missions as required. From late 1954 until inactivated, usually had two or more tactical squadrons deployed overseas at any one time, supporting airlift operations in Central America, Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, and Southeast Asia. Conducted C-123 combat crew training, Jun 1962-Apr 1964, and C-130 replacement training, Nov 1969-Aug 1971. Received the Mackay Trophy for humanitarian operations in the Congo in 1964. Participated in contingency airlift operations in the Dominican Republic, Apr 1965-Sep 1966. Replaced by the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing in Aug 1971.

Since its activation by Tactical Air Command in February 1964, the wing has lent airlift support to Air Force and Army units in operations from the Carolinas to Southeast Asia.

With the C-130E aircraft replacing the twin-engine C-123, the wing now has added greater range and carrying power to its mission of providing troop carrier assault or airdrop support for the United States Strike Command. In backing up this joint Air Force-Army strike force, the 464th's airlifters can take the troops where they want to go, resupply them until they are withdrawn or are supplied by other means, and furnish air evacuation within the theater of operations. In October 1954, the 464th Troop Carrier Wing moved from Lawson AFB, Ga., to its present location. In 1957 the base and wing were reassigned to TAC's Ninth Air Force.

Although the 464th Troop Carrier Wing as known today is only 12 years old, its namesake, the 464th Bombardment Group, was activated 1 July 1943.

Like the bomb group which earned two Distinguished Unit Citations during World War II, the 464th Troop Carrier Wing has rendered more than a decade of distinguished service to the U.S. Air Force.

Since its activation, the 464th has participated in some of the largest exercises ever conducted during peacetime by military forces. The largest of these exercises was Swift Strike in May 1964.

During the Cuban crisis in 1962 the 464th Troop Carrier Wing was instrumental in airlifting the mass of men and material that deployed to Florida. Until 1 July 1963, aircraft and men of the 464th were on continuous duty in Southeast Asia in support of the counter-guerrilla operations there. Present Commander of the 464th Troop Carrier Wing is Colonel William L. Welch. He assumed command of the Wing on 23 July 1963.

Four troop carrier squadrons, in addition to normal support units, make up the 464th Troop Carrier Wing: The squadrons are 776th, 777th, 778th and 779th.



Col Troy W. Crawford, 464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium commander, circa 1954.



464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium adjutant's office, Lawson AFB, GA, circa 1954.



464 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium Headquarters section, Lawson AFB, GA, circa 1954.

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