

1st MOBILE AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

1st Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (MAPS) primary wartime and contingency mission to rapidly mobilize personnel and equipment for short-notice, worldwide deployment to forward airheads in support of theater-airlift operations.

MAPS are among the first to arrive and the last to depart the airhead. They are equipped and trained to operate autonomously providing airlift aircraft on-load and off-load support in the most difficult of environments. In peacetime, these squadrons train for their wartime mission and provide airdrop continuation training support to their collocated tactical airlift wing. These squadrons range from 80 to approximately 230 personnel.

LINEAGE¹

1st Aerial Port Operations Squadron constituted, 19 Dec 1951

Activated, 11 Jan 1952

Redesignated 1st Aerial Port Squadron, 8 Nov 1954

Inactivated, 8 Jan 1959

Activated, 22 Sep 1961

Organized, 8 Jan 1962

Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Apr 1963

Activated, 15 Jun 1964

Organized, 1 Jul 1964

Redesignated 1st Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 30 Sep 1975

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

STATIONS

Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, 11 Jan 1952
Brownwood Mun Aprt, Texas, 12 Mar 1952
Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, 11 Apr 1952
Ardmore AFB, Oklahoma, 10 Oct 1957-8 Jan 1959
Dyess AFB, Texas, 8 Jan 1962-15 Apr 1963
Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, 1 Jul 1964
Dyess AFB, Texas, 31 Aug 1971-1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighteenth Air Force, 11 Jan 1952
Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1957-8 Jan 1959
Tactical Air Command, 22 Sep 1961
Twelfth Air Force, 8 Jan 1962-15 Apr 1963
64th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 8 Jan 1962
516th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 1 Jan-15 Apr 1963
Tactical Air Command, 15 Jun 1964
1st Aerial Port Group, 1 Jul 1964
463d Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1975

ATTACHMENTS

443d Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 11 Jan 1952
443d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 11 Apr 1952
64th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 8 Jan 1953
63d Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy [later, Medium], 15 Oct 1953-9 Oct 1957
463d Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 10 Oct 1957-8 Jan 1959
317th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium, 1 Jul 1964
302d Tactical Airlift Wing, 31 Aug 1971-30 Jun 1975

COMMANDERS

Maj Otis E Winn, 11 Jan 1952
Maj Frederick Pelosi, 15 May 1953
Lt Col Bo Saunders, 1 Aug 1953
Maj Michael C Zinkovich 31 Dec 1955
Maj Jack E Williams, 10 Oct 1957-unkn
Unkn, 31 Oct 1957-8 Jan 1959
Maj Warren M Odenthal, 8 Jan 1962-15 Apr 1963
Lt Col Donald W Sanders, 15 Sep 1964
Maj James K Mccurdy, 24 Jan 1966
Lt Col Donald W Sanders, 21 Apr 1966-unkn
Capt Gerald R Poole, 10 Aug 1969
Maj Cater M Elliot, 12 Jan 1970
Maj W E Seymour, 24 May 1971
Maj Ray R Rubel, 31 Aug 1971

Maj Donald R Horton, 2 Jul 1973
Maj Edward Ward, 19 Jul 1973
Lt Col Theodore R Savard, 21 Apr 1977
Lt Col Frank E Moore, 9 Jul 1979
Maj Paul Katsuki, 13 Apr 1982
Maj Kenneth D Clonts, 25 Aug 1982

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan-30 Jun 1964

27 Apr-20 May 1965

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1965

1 Jul 1969-30 Dec 1970

16 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979

EMBLEM



1st Aerial Port squadron emblems

1st Mobile Aerial Port Squadron emblem: on a red disc edged with a narrow blue border a white eagle detailed gray, with wings displayed horizontally supporting four blue stylized figures, two on the dexter wing and two on the sinister wing, the eagle grasping two white lightning bolts saltirewise between a yellow parachute attached to a yellow container in dexter base, a yellow pallet in sinister base and a yellow globe with axis diagonal above the eagle's head, all outlined and detailed blue. Attached above the disc a yellow scroll edged blue and inscribed IN OMNIA PARATUS in blue letters. Attached below the disc a blank yellow scroll edged blue. (Approved, 10 Apr 1978)

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OPERATIONS

The 1st Aerial Port Operations Squadron's mission was to handle 281.25 tons of cargo and/or passengers in an 8-hour period. The authorized strength of the 1st Aerial Port Operations Squadron was 8 officers and 201 enlisted men.

Detachments

Det 1 Pope AFB, North Carolina, 8 Oct 1953-1 Oct 1954

Det 1 Ardmore AFB, Oklahoma: 1 Sep 1955-30 Jun 1957

Det 1 Sewart AFB, Tennessee: 31 Dec 1957-8 Jan 1959

Det 1 Forbes AFB, Kansas: 1 Jul 1964-5 Jan 1967

Det 2 Lawson AFB, Georgia: 8 Oct 1953-1 Feb 1954

Det 2 Donaldson AFB, South Carolina: 1 May 1954-6 Mar 1956

Det 2 Shaw AFB, South Carolina: 15 Feb 1956-30 Jun 1957

Det 2 Pope AFB, North Carolina: 31 Dec 1957-8 Jan 1959

Det 3 Ft. Campbell AFB, Kentucky: 8 Oct 1953-1 Feb 1954

Det 3 England AFB, Louisiana: 15 Feb 1956-30 Jun 1957

Det 4 Charleston AFB, South Carolina: 15 Nov 1953-31 Aug 1955