

# 1<sup>st</sup> AERIAL PORT GROUP



## **LINEAGE**

1 Aerial Port Group (Provisional) activated, 1 Jul 1964  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Group

## **STATIONS**

Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jul 1964-1 Jul 1975

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Col George C. Welch, 15 Jul 1964

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jul 1969-30 Dec 1970

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Group mission was to provide command and staff supervision of aerial port squadrons engaged in providing loading and unloading at forward bases and aerial ejection of supplies and equipment from troop carrier aircraft; tactical air terminal teams at advanced

airfields or landing zones; and combat control teams to locate, identify and mark airborne assault zones (drop zones, landing zones and extraction zones) and to establish and operate ground to air and point to point communications and navigational aids as required in support of the troop carrier mission. Aerial port units were co-located with troop carrier wings.

Activation of an Aerial Port Group headquarters was the result of problems encountered in airborne exercises such as SWIFT STRIKE III which pointed out the need for aerial port capability in Tactical Air Command to support operations of airborne ground forces.

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Sources

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