

10th AIRLIFT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

10th Transport Squadron constituted, 1 Jan 1938
Activated, 1 Dec 1940
Redesignated 10th Troop Carrier Squadron, 5 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Activated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 10th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 1 Jul 1948
Redesignated 10th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 5 Nov 1948
Redesignated 10th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 16 Nov 1949
Discontinued, and inactivated, 8 Jan 1961
Redesignated 10th Air Transport Squadron, 5 Sep 1969
Activated, 15 Oct 1969
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1970
Redesignated 10th Military Airlift Squadron, 1 Nov 1983
Activated, 15 Jan 1984
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1991
Redesignated 10th Airlift Squadron, 17 Dec 2002
Activated, 1 Oct 2003

STATIONS

Olmsted Field, PA, 1 Dec 1940
Westover Field, MA, 21 May 1941-20 May 1942
Chelveston, England, 11 Jun 1942
Aldermaston, England, 7 Aug 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942
Relizane, Algeria, 27 Nov 1942
Thiersville, Algeria, 14 May 1943
El Djem, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943
Gela, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943
Gerbini, Sicily, 7 Nov 1943
Pomigliano, Italy, 12 Dec 1943

Brindisi, Italy, 6 Apr 1944
Pomigliano, Italy, 25 Oct 1944-23 May 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun-31 Jul 1945
Munich, Germany, 30 Sep 1946
Kaufbeuren AB, Germany, 8 May 1948
Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 10 Aug 1948
Kaufbeuren AB, Germany, 18 Oct 1948 (operated from Fassberg RAF Station, Germany, 26
Nov 1948-16 May 1949)
Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 16 May 1949
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 26 Sep 1949
Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 20 Oct 1949
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 5 Jul 1950
Dreux AB, France, 23 Sep 1955-8 Jan 1961
Chanute AFB, IL, 15 Oct 1969-30 Sep 1970
Zweibrucken AB, Germany, 15 Jan 1984-31 Mar 1991
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Oct 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

60th Transport (later, 60th Troop Carrier) Group, 1 Dec 1940-31 Jul 1945
60th Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946
60th Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957
322nd Air Division, 25 Sep 1958-8 Jan 1961
2nd Aircraft Delivery Group, 15 Oct 1969-30 Sep 1970
322nd Airlift Division, 15 Jan 1984
608th Military Airlift Group, 15 Mar 1984-31 Mar 1991
62nd Operations Group, 1 Oct 2003

ATTACHMENTS

Troop Carrier Group, 26 Nov 1948-16 May 1949
60th Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Nov 1956-11 Mar 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
C-47, 1946-1948
C-54, 1948-1949
C-82, 1949-1953
C-119, 1953-1960
VT-29, 1969-1970
C-131, 1969-1970
C-23, 1984-1990

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

C-119G

53-3220	53-7832	53-7840	53-7843	53-8142
53-3222	53-7834	53-7841	53-7853	53-8146
53-7827	53-7836	53-7842	53-8141	53-8147

53-8150

53-8153

53-8154

53-8155

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

Red

Red swatch on top third of vertical stabilizer and red nose cone.

COMMANDERS

1Lt Arthur B. Anderson, 1 Dec 1940
1Lt Rafferty, 20 May 1941
1Lt Willard B. Atwell, 19 Dec 1941
Cpt Fredrich H. Sherwood, 19 Aug 1942
Cpt Audrey D. Taylor, 29 Mar 1943
Maj Kenneth V. Holbert, 14 Nov 1943
Cpt Doyal L. Saye, Aug 1944
Maj Caleb P. Moberly, Sep 1944
Cpt Robert A. Wray Jr., Mar-unkn 1945
Maj James J. Brown, 30 Sep 1946
Maj Walter C. Stewart Jr., 30 Oct 1946
Cpt Robert F. Quinn, Dec 1948
LTC Steward H. Nichols, Sep 1949
LTC Reesor M. Lawrence, 12 Oct 1949
LTC Jack C. White, 26 Aug 1950
LTC Charles F. Quinette, 29 Feb 1952
LTC Raymond O. Roush, 1 Dec 1954
Maj Guy L. Bryson, 2 Aug 1955
LTC Edward M. Huntingdon, Oct 1955
Maj Guy L. Bryson, Jun 1956
LTC Edward M. Osander, Dec 1956
Maj Eugene D. Cook, Mar 1957
Maj Arthur C. Voss, Dec 1958
LTC Kelton M. Farris, Dec 1959
LTC Gayle C. Wolf, Dec 1960-8 Jan 1961
LTC Vern L. Peters, 15 Oct 1969
LTC David P. Creager, 1 May 1970
LTC Thomas R. Fox, 22 May-30 Sep 1970
None (not manned), 15 Jan-Apr 1984
LTC Robert P. Spivey, May 1984
LTC Fred L. May III, 13 Jun 1986
LTC William P. Padgett, 23 Jun 1988
LTC Kenneth A. Lamkin, 12 Jan 1990-1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

North Apennines

Po Valley

Air Combat EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: (MTO)

[8 Apr]-15 Sep 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

8 Jul-10 Aug 1960

15 Jan 1984-31 Jul 1985

EMBLEM

On a disc Gules, a caricatured airman in flight suit and helmet Azure, winged Or, on dexter arm a medical armband Proper, and grasping a box of the third, tied and detailed Sable, dropping from sinister hand a caricatured paratrooper grasping a rolled map in dexter hand and a "Tommy" gun in sinister hand and towing a second smaller paratrooper, both in like attire; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "10TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. (Originally approved, 17 Jul 1944; colors modified, 20 Oct 1952)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The larger airman holding the smaller paratroopers is representative of the current training mission of the unit, as well as support provided to all military services. The smaller paratroopers symbolize the unit's historic troop carrier mission, and the medical armband of the larger airman also signifies the unit's air evacuation heritage.

The 10th Military Airlift Squadron patch depicts a caricatured airman in a blue flight suit and helmet, winged yellow, in flight, affonte, holding a yellow box tied in black with his right hand and carrying a smaller paratrooper by a yellow parachute, dressed the same, carrying a map and rifle in his left hand and towing a third paratrooper by a large rope affixed between the two. The

large caricatured airman represents the squadrons airlift mission. The paratroopers represent the support of combat troops. The red cross on the sleeve of the wing-airman and the package represent the squadron's mercy flight to fly supplies to the partisan troops in WWII and its role in the Berlin Airlift.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Included airborne invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Greece; support of partisans in the Balkans, and transportation in the MTO during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949; airlift in Europe until 1961.

Airlift in connection with aircraft delivery, 1969-1970.

The 10th Air Transportation Squadron was reactivated and redesignated the 10th Military Airlift Squadron on 15 January 1984. The 10th MAS operated 18 C-23As from Zweibrücken AB Germany to provide regular daily logistics support flights to United States Air Force Europe bases as part of the European Distribution System (EDS). 10th MAS members designed the EDS “hub” and “spoke” route structure to meet USAFE’s logistical requirements to cut down the delivery time for critical spare parts. Daily, from 1984-1991, 10th MAS C-23A, flew spare parts throughout the European theater. The EDS route structure was designed so that each day parts from one base could be trans-loaded and carried to any destination base. Additionally, the short haul, high frequency nature of the EDS flights enabled pilots to rapidly build flying hours and experience. The Military Airlift Command used the 10th MAS to allow first assignment pilots direct from pilot training to build flying experience that would enable them to move directly in to the left seat of larger transport aircraft such as the C-5, C-141, and C-130. Many ex-10th MAS members have become senior Air Force and civilian industry leaders. Over a hundred ex-10th MAS pilots are flying as Captains and First Officers for major airlines around the world. The “fall of the wall” and end of the Cold War resulted in a significant reduction of US forces in Europe. The 10th MAS was de-activated in 1991. Most of the 18 C-23A were flown by 10th MAS crews in “a last adventure” back to the United States for turnover to other government agencies. Today, many of the former 10th MAS C-23 are still flying; supporting the Army Reserve and National Guard, the US Forest Service and other federal agencies.

510510 C-82A 45-57745 TACMF Pelszyski, John Kitzingen AB

C-119 53-8146 - Damaged, landing gear failure at Athens, Greece, 2 APR 55, no fatalities

C-119 53-8140 Damaged, ground collision with B-26 at RAF Prestwick, Scotland, 14 OCT 55, no fatalities.

10 August 1955

Two C-119s collide over Edelweiler, Germany, near Stuttgart, shortly after takeoff for training

mission from Stuttgart Army Airfield near Echterdingen. C-119G, 53-3222, piloted by Robert T. Asher, and C-119G, 53-7841 piloted by Eugene L. Pesci, both crash. In all, 66 died, 44 on one Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar, and 22 on the other. Troops aboard were of the Army's 499th Engineering Battalion.

Air Mobility Command will stand down two C-17 squadrons over the next two years and move the units' 16 total airplanes into backup status as part of a cost-saving plan laid out in Fiscal 2015 defense legislation, announced the command on Monday. Officials will inactivate the 17th Airlift Squadron at JB Charleston, S.C., in this fiscal year, followed by the 10th AS at JB Lewis-McChord, Wash., next fiscal year, according to AMC's Dec. 22 release. Each squadron operates eight C-17s. Moving these aircraft from the Air Force's primary aircraft inventory to its backup aircraft inventory is expected to save the service approximately \$110 million per year since BAI assets are not assigned personnel or flying hours, states the release. AMC's goal, however, is to return these C-17s to PAI status at some point and transfer them to the reserve components, said Maj. Gen. Michael Stough, AMC's director of strategic plans, requirements, and programs. "We're working with our Air National Guard partners to do that, perhaps even as early as Fiscal 2016," he said. Back in 1993, the 17th AS became the first operational unit to receive the C-17.

440421	C-47A	42-100959	10TCS	60TCG		DTCoG	Logan, Samuel P Jr	off Brindisi
440428	C-47	41-19473*	10TCS	60TCG		KCR	Thomas, Stephen A	Lacedonia
440827	C-47A	42-23473	10TCS	60TCG		LAC	Braun, Herman K	Vocin
441115	C-47A	43-30649	10TCS	60TCG		KCREF	Arthur, Robert M	Carpineto Della Nora
441222	L-5	42-98933	10TCS	60TCG		LAC	Perkins, Robert F	Guidonia AF
441230	C-47A	43-15378	10TCS	60TCG		TAC	Teas, Archer B	Bari
500815	C-82	45-57966	10TCS	60TCG	Rhein-Main AB, GER	TAC	Cesey, Garland E.	RAF Burtonwood
501122	C-82A	45-57743	10TCS	60TCG	Rhein-Main AB, GER	CBLEF	Kellogg, Richard A.	Neubiberg AB
510323	C-82A	45-57756	10TCS	60TCG	Rhein-Main AB, GER	EF	Montgomery, Carl F.	79 Mi S Ciampino
511114	C-82A	45-57756	10TCS	60TCG	Rhein Main AB, GER	GAC	Davis, William T.	Marignane APT

421129	C-47	41-7855	10TCSq	60TCGp	Tafaraoui, Algeria	KMACB	Vaughn, George W	Mocta Douz, Algeria
421216	C-47	41-18348	10TCSq	60TCGp	Relizane, Algeria	LACNU	Sherwood, Frederick H	La Senia, Algeria



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