

22d AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

22d Transport Squadron activated, 3 Apr 1942, prior to constitution, 4 Apr 1942

Redesignated 22d Troop Carrier Squadron, 5 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 31 Jan 1946

Activated, 15 Oct 1946

Redesignated 22d Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 21 May 1948

Redesignated 22d Military Airlift Squadron, 8 Jan 1966

Inactivated, 8 Jun 1969

Activated, 8 Feb 1972

Redesignated 22d Airlift Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

STATIONS

Essendon Airdrome, Australia, 3 Apr 1942

Garbutt Field, Australia, 11 Oct 1942

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

The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

Edward T. Imparrato. *374 Troop Carrier Group, 1942-1945*. Turner Publishing Co. Paducah, KY. 1998.

Gary Leiser. *A History of Travis Air Force Base, 1943-1996*. Travis Air Force Base Historical Society. Sacramento, CA. 1996.

Port Moresby, New Guinea, 24 Jan 1943
Garbutt Field, Australia, 4 Oct 1943
Finschhafen, New Guinea, 29 Aug 1944
Nielson Field, Luzon, Aug 1945-31 Jan 1946
Nichols Field, Luzon, 15 Oct 1946
Clark Field, Luzon, 23 Apr 1947
Tachikawa AB, Japan, 16 Nov 1948-8 Jun 1969
Travis AFB, CA, 8 Feb 1972

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 18 Sep-16 Nov 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Transport Command, US Army Forces in Australia (later, Air Carrier Service, Air Service Command, Fifth Air Force), 3 Apr 1942
374th Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942-31 Jan 1946
374th Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946
1503d Air Transport Wing, 18 Nov 1958
1503d Air Transport Group, 22 Jun 1964
65th Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966-8 Jun 1969
60th Military Airlift Wing, 8 Feb 1972
60th Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978
60th Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979
60th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991-.

ATTACHMENTS

317th Troop Carrier Group, 19 Sep-16 Nov 1948
374th Troop Carrier Wing, 3 Feb 1956-30 Jun 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

DC-2
DC-3
C-39
C-49
C-53
C-56
C-60
B-17
B-18
B-17
LC-1
C-47A, 1942-1945
C-46D, 1945-1946
C-46, 1946-1949

C-54D, 1946-1948
1949-1952
C-124, 1952-1957, 1959-1969
C-5, 1972

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Francis R. Feeney, 3 Apr 1942
Capt Raymond T. Swenson, 2 May 1942
Maj William L. Bradford, 22 May 1942
Maj Francis R. Feeney, 22 Jul 1942
Capt Pearre D. Jacques, 6 Apr 1943
Maj Fred G. Henry, 30 Apr 1943
Maj Perry H. Penn, 30 May 1943
Maj Robert C. Beebe, 26 Sep 1943
Maj James C. Watson, 6 Feb 1944
Capt William D. Wood Jr., 25 Sep 1944
Capt Joseph B. Kelly, 28 Nov 1944
Capt Edward P Langebartel, 31 Jan 1945
Unkn, Nov 1945-Jan 1946
Lt Col Norton H. Van Sicklen, 16 Oct 1946
Maj Joe R. Daniel, May 1948
Lt Col John Larkin, 16 Nov 1948
Maj Thayer C. Harper, 1 Apr 1949
Maj James E. Hunter, 7 Mar 1950
Lt Col Frederick N. Stahl, 6 Aug 1951
Maj Charles M. Cornette, 22 Jul 1952
Unkn, Jan 1953-Nov 1954
Lt Col Arthur C. Jackson Jr., By Dec 1954
Lt Col Paul F. Oppy, Feb 1956
None, 10 Jun 1957-Feb 1959
Maj Frank N. Udy, 20 Feb 1959
Maj Samuel M. Dickerson, 22 Jun 1960
Lt Col Leonard M. Mcmanus, 19 Jul 1960
Lt Col David M. Hill, 12 Feb 1963
Lt Col Arthur C. Reinhart Jr., 22 Jun 1964
Lt Col Ralph F. Jackson Jr., 16 Jun 1965
Lt Col Louis H. Daugherty, 3 Nov 1967
Lt Col Frank W. Contestable, 12 Jul 1968-8 Jun 1969
Col Ruel J. Neeley, 8 Feb 1972
Col Louie O. Mcferon, 16 Jul 1973
Col Charles W. Greer, 16 Aug 1974
Col Kenneth W. Lukens, 1 Oct 1976
Col John M. High lii, 17 Jun 1977
Lt Col John C. Swonson, 28 Jun 1978

Lt Col Terry A. Lamaida, 16 May 1980
Lt Col Preston A. Davis, 6 Oct 1981
Lt Col Roger K. Coffey, 22 Aug 1983
Lt Col Robert M. Murdock, 10 Jun 1985
Lt Col Peter C. Kaminski, 16 Mar 1987
Lt Col Lawrence J. Swantner, 26 Jun 1989
Lt Col John C. Brockman, 15 Jul 1991
Lt Col Ryan S. Dow, 14 Jun 1993
Lt Col Mark S. Solo, 24 Oct 1994
Lt Col Karen M. Torres, 18 Jul 1996
Lt Col James C. Chesnut, 4 Sep 1998

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Japan
Papua
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines

Korea
UN Defensive
UN Offensive
CCF Intervention
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989-1990

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Papua, 23 Jul 1942-23 Jan 1943

Papua, 12 Nov-22 Dec 1942

Wau, New Guinea, 30 Jan-1 Feb 1943

Korea, 27 Jun-15 Sep 1950

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1961

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1966

23 Dec 1965-23 Jan 1966

24 Jan 1966-31 Jan 1969

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

16 Dec 1989-31 Jan 1990

1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992

1 Nov 1993-31 Jul 1995

1 Aug 1995-30 Jul 1997

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2012

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

1 Jul 1951-27 Jun 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-[8 Jun 1969]

EMBLEM



On a medium blue disc, wide border light red, a caricatured, light gray donkey, trimmed white and black, having large, light red pack, outlined black, strapped about the middle by heavy, black bond climbing hilly terrain light brown, shaded dark brown. (Approved, 17 Jun 1944)

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OPERATIONS

Included paratroop drop on Nadzab, New Guinea, as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II.

On 22 May 1942, the 21st Transport Squadron made its first operational flight in New Guinea, carrying troops and supplies to Wau and Bulolo, Allied mountain airdromes, previously used only for very light aircraft. The 21st and 22nd Squadrons continued to operate several planes

between Port Moresby and Wau at intervals despite intense Japanese activity and fighter cover consisting of only five or six P-39's. When the Japanese landed troops at Buna in July, 21st Squadron planes landed Australian reinforcements and supplies at Kokoda. During the fighting for that mountain airdrome the planes often circled the field without knowing whether Or not it was in friendly or enemy hands. In August 1942, during the Australian retreat which ended in an Allied offensive in Iorabaiwa Ridge, 30 air miles from Port Moresby, 21st and 22nd Squadron planes dropped tons of supplies and equipment to the Australian troops. Without these supplies the Jap offensive might not have been stopped. On 26 July 1942, the 21st and 22nd Transport Squadrons were redesignated the 21st and 22nd Troop Carrier Squadrons. The first large troop movement by these Squadrons was started in September, 1942, when three regiments of the Buna-busting 32nd (U.S.) Division were flown, with all of their equipment, from Brisbane and Townsville on the Australian mainland to New Guinea.

Operations Order No. 21, dated 21 May 1942, Hq., Air Transport Command, showed the following assignment of aircraft to the 22nd Transport Squadron: one B-17, eleven C-56s, two C-39s, one C-47, and one Lockheed 14. Temporarily assigned to the 22nd were a B-18 and a C-53. Late in August, 1942, eight C-49s and three C-50s were assigned to the 21 st Troop Carrier Squadron. Thirteen Lockheed C-60s arrived early in September and were flown for two weeks by the 21st Squadron before being turned over to the 22nd. Late in September, all former K.N.I.L.M. planes were turned over to the Airlines of Australia.

Berlin Airlift, 1948.

Aerial transportation in Far East during Korean War.

22nd TCSs received the C-124A but that those were grounded somewhere around January 1953, due to fuel leaks. The problem was solved in the wing's maintenance shops, but crews from the 22nd flew alongside 6th TCS crews, in 6th TCS aircraft, until those of the 22nd were removed from grounded status. The first modified 22nd TCS aircraft returned from the base shops in mid-January, and all of the squadron's planes had been modified by the end of February.

Not operational, Jun 1957-Feb 1959.

1959 was the year of Operation Handclasp V, a joint US-Australian airpower display conducted to demonstrate the spirit of cooperation between the two countries through a mutual aerial display of military might. The exercise was held in conjunction with Australia's commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea and ANZAC day. The exercise, conducted from April 25 through May 7, saw C-124s from the 6th and 22nd Troop Carrier Squadrons deliver 72,000 pounds of communications equipment to various sites in Australia, to be set up prior to the arrival of RF-101S, RB-66s, KB-50s and C-130s which were used for aerial demonstrations, flybys and static displays throughout the operation. These activities took place in Brisbane, Sydney, Richmond, Amberly, East Sale and Melbourne.

Flew extensive support missions to, and intra-theater combat support missions in Vietnam, 4 Aug 1964-2 Apr 1969.

The 22nd Military Airlift Squadron was inactivated on 8 June 1969. The final mission was flown on April 2, some two months before. The unit had flown 120,000 accident-free hours over a period of just under seven years.

Frequent missions to Southeast Asia, Mar 1972-Apr 1975.

Supported operations in Grenada, 25 Oct-7 Nov 1983; Panama, 20 Dec 1989; and on-going operations in Southwest Asia from Aug 1990 through Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, and SOUTHERN WATCH. The squadron also supported Operation PROVIDE COMFORT for Kurdish refugees, supported the evacuation of military personnel and their dependents from the Philippines through Operation FIERY VIGIL in 1991, played a major role in the relief effort for the famine-plagued country of Somalia during Operations PROVIDE RELIEF and RESTORE HOPE in 1992-1993, and provided airlift support to Balkans peacekeeping missions beginning in 1995 with Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, and continuing under Operations JOINT GUARD and JOINT FORGE.

Crew from 22 Airlift Squadron transported Secretary General of Eritrea to Tel Aviv, Israel. 1993-1994

Crews flew natural disaster relief supplies to Managua, Nicaragua for Helping Hands, organization affiliated with Saint Joseph Medical Center in Stockton Ca. 1993-1994

C-5 aircraft crewed by 22 AS moved United States Army troops from Fort Ord, CA to Dover AFB, DE for Operation Restore Hope. 1993-1994.