

## 22<sup>nd</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

22<sup>nd</sup> Transport Squadron activated, 3 Apr 1942, prior to constitution, 4 Apr 1942  
Redesignated 22<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, 5 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 31 Jan 1946  
Activated, 15 Oct 1946  
Redesignated 22<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 21 May 1948  
Redesignated 22<sup>nd</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, 8 Jan 1966  
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1969  
Activated, 8 Feb 1972  
Redesignated 22<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

### STATIONS

Essendon Airdrome, Australia, 3 Apr 1942  
Garbutt Field, Australia, 11 Oct 1942  
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  
374<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 12 Nov 1942-31 Jan 1946  
374<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 15 Oct 1946  
1503<sup>rd</sup> Air Transport Wing, 18 Nov 1958

1503<sup>rd</sup> Air Transport Group, 22 Jun 1964  
65<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966-8 Jun 1969  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 8 Feb 1972  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978  
60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979  
60<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991-.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

317<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, 19 Sep-16 Nov 1948  
374<sup>th</sup> 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  
C-47, 1942-1945  
C-46, 1945-1946  
C-46, 1946-1949  
C-54, 1946-1948  
1949-1952  
C-124, 1952-1957, 1959-1969  
C-5, 1972

#### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

#### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

#### **UNIT COLORS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

1Lt Francis R. Feeney, 3 Apr 1942  
Cpt Raymond T. Swenson, 2 May 1942  
Maj William L. Bradford, 22 May 1942  
Maj Francis R. Feeney, 22 Jul 1942  
Cpt 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  
Cpt William D. Wood Jr., 25 Sep 1944

Cpt Joseph B. Kelly, 28 Nov 1944  
Cpt Edward P Langebartel, 31 Jan 1945  
Unkn, Nov 1945-Jan 1946  
LTC Norton H. Van Sicklen, 16 Oct 1946  
Maj Joe R. Daniel, May 1948  
LTC John Larkin, 16 Nov 1948  
Maj Thayer C. Harper, 1 Apr 1949  
Maj James E. Hunter, 7 Mar 1950  
LTC Frederick N. Stahl, 6 Aug 1951  
Maj Charles M. Cornette, 22 Jul 1952  
Unkn, Jan 1953-Nov 1954  
LTC Arthur C. Jackson Jr., by Dec 1954  
LTC 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  
LTC Leonard M. McManus, 19 Jul 1960  
LTC David M. Hill, 12 Feb 1963  
LTC Arthur C. Reinhart Jr., 22 Jun 1964  
LTC Ralph F. Jackson Jr., 16 Jun 1965  
LTC Louis H. Daugherty, 3 Nov 1967  
LTC 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 III, 17 Jun 1977  
LTC John C. Swonson, 28 Jun 1978  
LTC Terry A. LaMaida, 16 May 1980  
LTC Preston A. Davis, 6 Oct 1981  
LTC Roger K. Coffey, 22 Aug 1983  
LTC Robert M. Murdock, 10 Jun 1985  
LTC Peter C. Kaminski, 16 Mar 1987  
LTC Lawrence J. Swantner, 26 Jun 1989  
LTC John C. Brockman, 15 Jul 1991  
LTC Ryan S. Dow, 14 Jun 1993  
LTC Mark S. Solo, 24 Oct 1994  
LTC Karen M. Torres, 18 Jul 1996  
LTC James C. Chesnut, 4 Sep 1998

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **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**

Approved, 17 Jun 1944

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Included paratroop drop on Nadzab, New Guinea, as well as aerial transportation in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948. Aerial transportation in Far East during Korean War. Not operational, Jun 1957-Feb 1959. Flew extensive support missions to, and intra-theater combat support missions in Vietnam, 4 Aug 1964-2 Apr 1969. 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 (ALS) TRANSPORTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF ERITREA TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL. 1993-1994

22 ALS FLEW NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES TO MANAGUA, NICARAGUA FOR HELPING HANDS, ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH SAINT JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER IN STOCKTON CA. 1993-1994

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF)/RUSSIAN RESCUE EXERCISE INVOLVED C-5

AIRCREW FROM 22 ALS. 1993-1994

C-5 AIRCRAFT CREWED BY 22 ALS MOVED UNITED STATES ARMY TROOPS FROM FORT ORD CA TO DOVER AIR FORCE BASE (AFB) DE FOR OPERATION RESTORE HOPE. 1993-1994

374th TCG (V AF): Nose numbers assigned in order of squadron arrival. C-46s from April 45. Rudder trim tab colors: 6th TCS (Red)(Bully Beef Express). 21st TCS (White/Red/Yellow stripes). 22nd TCS (Yellow). 33rd TCS (White): Indian tribe nicknames.

The 22nd Military Airlift Squadron, one of two still assigned to the 61st Military Airlift Wing by 1969, was inactivated on 8 June. 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.

Following not far behind the 22nd MAS, deactivation-wise, was the 50th MAS, the last operational flying squadron in the 61st MAW. Formally deactivated on December 22, 1969, the unit closed out the wing's flying operations with a total of 838,670 accident-free hours, the record dating back to June 1956. The 50th MAS had accumulated a total of 376,345 accident-free flying hours. While some of the accident-free hours had been logged by C-118s and C-97s, the majority were logged by the giant Globemaster IIs.

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.

Records indicate that the 6th and 22nd TCSs received the C-124A but that those assigned to the 22nd were grounded somewhere around January 1953, due to fuel leaks. Those assigned to the 6th apparently weren't affected. 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. In April 1953, the wing transported repatriated prisoners from Korea to Japan during Operation Little Switch. This was followed by Operation Big Switch, in which United Nations prisoners were transported from Korea to Japan.

510120	C-54D	42-72540	22CTS	374CTG	Tachikawa AB, JPN	TAC	parked	Tachikawa AB
510608	C-54D	42-72611	22CTS	374CTG	Tachikawa AB, JPN	TOAF	Cooper, William E.	Tachikawa AB

431029	C-47A	42-24400	22TCS	374TCG		LAC	Fitzgerald, William E	Rockhampton
431219	C-47A	43-30742	22TCS	374TCG		KEX	Crecelius, William R	Rockhampton
470110	C-46D	44-78410	22TCS	374TCG		TAC	Oakley, Grover C Jr	Naha AF
500629	C-54D	42-72648	22TCS	374TCG	Tachikawa AB, JPN	GC	Spradley, G L	5 Mi NW Pusan
500906	C-54D	42-72583	22TCS	374TCG	Tachikawa AB, JPN	KCRGC	Danna, Salvatore.	4.5 Mi NW Itami AB
501109	C-54D	42-72742	22TCS	374TCG	Tachikawa AB, JPN	KCRGC	Simpson, Robert L.	55 Mi N K-23, Pyongyang AB
470708	C-54D	42-72595	22TCS		Clark Fld, PHI	LAC	Keyes, Cecil C	Naha AAB




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Sources  
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