

29th WEAPONS SQUADRON



LINEAGE

29th Transport Squadron constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 2 Mar 1942
Redesignated 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 22 Sep 1945
Activated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 30 Jul 1948
Redesignated 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, Special, 1 Feb 1949
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1949
Redesignated 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 26 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1955
Activated, 15 Jun 1964
Organized, 1 Oct 1964
Redesignated 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Jan 1967
Redesignated 29th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Aug 1967
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1970
Activated, 1 Apr 1971
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1971
Redesignated 29th Weapons Squadron, 30 May 2003
Activated, 1 Jun 2003

STATIONS

Daniel Field, GA, 2 Mar 1942
Bowman Field, KY, 21 Jun 1942
Florence, SC, 4 Aug 1942
Maxton, NC, 13 Dec 1942-25 Apr 1943
Oujda, French Morocco, 11 May 1943
Kairouan, Tunisia, 16 Jun 1943
Sciacca, Sicily, 4 Sep 1943
Trapani/Milo Airdrome, Sicily, 3 Oct 1943
Folkingham, England, 23 Feb 1944
Achiet, France, 28 Mar 1945-5 Aug 1945
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 21-22 Sep 1945
Capodicino, Italy, 30 Sep 1946
Pisa, Italy, 5 Mar 1947

Tulln AB, Austria, 5 May-25 Jun 1947
Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947
Bergstrom Field (later AFB), TX, 15 Jul 1947-22 Oct 1948
Fassburg, Germany, 9 Nov 1948-18 Sep 1949
Mitchel AFB, NY, 1 Feb 1953
Sewart AFB, TN, 2 Oct 1953-8 Jun 1955
Forbes AFB, KS, 1 Oct 1964-Dec 1965
Clark AB, Philippines, 27 Jan 1966-31 Oct 1970
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Apr-15 Nov 1971
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Jun 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

313th Transport (later, 313th Troop Carrier) Group, 2 Mar 1942-22 Sep 1945
313th Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946-18 Sep 1949
313th Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953-8 Jun 1955
313th Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Oct 1964
315th Air Division, 27 Jan 1966
463rd Troop Carrier (later, 463rd Tactical Airlift) Wing, 25 Mar 1966-31 Oct 1970
316th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Apr-15 Nov 1971
USAF Mobility Weapons School, 1 Jun 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
C-46, 1945
C-47, 1946-1948
C-82, 1947-1948
C-54, 1948-1949
C-46, 1953
C-119, 1953-1955
C-130, 1964-1970
C-130, 1971

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 2 Mar-20 Nov 1942
Maj Benton R. Baldwin, 21 Nov 1942
LTC Quinn M. Corley, 22 Sep 1943
LTC William D. Keller, 13 Dec 1944
Unkn, Jun-22 Sep 1945
Unkn, 30 Sep 1946-14 Aug 1947
Maj Jay J. Brown, 15 Aug 1947

Maj William H. Beale Jr., 31 Dec 1947
Unkn, Jun 1948-18 Sep 1949
Cpt W. Moeller, 1953
Unkn, 1954-8 Jun 1955
LTC James F. Fowler, 2 Oct 1964
Col Theodore M. Raley, by 1 Jan 1966
LTC S. T. Howell, 24 Apr 1967
LTC J. M. Parker, by 1 Apr 1968
LTC S. J. Ward, 1 Jul 1968
LTC William D. Coleman, by 1 Nov 1968
LTC A. J. Vickers, 23 Jun 1969
Col William D. Coleman, 30 Aug 1969
LTC A. J. Vickers, 26 Sep 1969
LTC William J. Miles, 3 Nov 1969
LTC Richard G. Banister, 1 Jul-30 Sep 1970
None (not manned), 30 Sep-31 Oct 1970
LTC Berdell P. Brevig, 1 Apr 1971
LTC Robert A. Nugent, 20 Sep-15 Nov 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Central Europe

Rhineland

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Sicily, 11 Jul 1943

France, 5, 6, and 7 Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1968-30 Jun 1969

1 Jul-30 Sep 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

30 Jan-15 Jun 1966
1 Jan 1967-31 May 1968
1 Apr-14 Nov 1971

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Jun 1968-30 Sep 1970

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, an Indian shield Gules, edged Sable, bearing a pale of the like, thereon a pallet Gris, overall a bow and arrow crossed in saltire barb downward Argent, beneath a mullet of the like entoured by an annulet Or. Pendant from sinister side, two bald eagle feathers overlapped Proper, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "29TH WEAPONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. (Approved, 28 Oct 2003)

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 primitive shield suggests the combat mindset through training and learning, the stripes a reminder of those who fought for freedom at Normandy, D-Day, during World War II. The weapons crossed in saltire symbolize the unit's heritage and readiness to fight when called upon. The mullet encircled by a yellow ring is a reminder to be ever vigilant. The bald eagle feathers symbolize strength and bravery earned through wisdom of experience.

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OPERATIONS

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, and aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949. Tactical airlift in Southeast Asia, 1966-1970; dropped first 10,000-pound bombs in support of combat operations, dropping ten from 12-20 Dec 1968. In 1971 equipped with C-130E, trained, and became operational but was replaced by the 38th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

Reductions. The reductions started in 1969 continued in 1970. The 29 TAS at Clark Air Base inactivated on 30 September, most of its C-130BS going to the continental United States. 1970

Alaskan Operation C-82s had red tail sections and wing-tips. Squadron colors were applied as a design on the nose and a section of both tails - 4th TCS: Red; 7th TCS: Yellow; 8th TCS: Blue; 29th TCS: Red; 47th TCS: Green; 20th TCS: Yellow; 50th TCS: Red; 61st TCS: Green; 62nd TCS: Blue. Many later production C-82s had the last three digits of their construction numbers stencilled behind the prop warning stripe.

Markings / Colors: Natural metal finish with large fuselage side Buzz Numbers, squadron colors applied as a design on the nose and section of both tails - 10th TCS: Red; 11th TCS: Green; 12th TCS: Blue.



In the headquarters building of the 463rd Troop Carrier Wg. at Mactan is a trophy proclaiming the unit as the best assault airlift wing in Tactical Air Command for the period of January through June 1965.

More than 300 miles away, at Clark AB, R.P., the headquarters of the 773rd Troop Carrier Sq. is the home of another trophy, top assault airlift squadron in TAC for the same period.

With its move from Langley AFB, Va., to Mactan and Clark, the wing and its squadrons now fall under the command of Pacific Air Forces, and the 315th Air Div. and are thus ineligible to repeat as top assault airlift units in TAC.

But according to the officers and airmen of the wing, TAC has a problem. TAC has to get its trophies back. Some proud members even talk of putting the trophies under armed guard.

The 463rd is, above all, a proud unit, too proud to sit on their accomplishments and talk about the past. Commanded by Col A. E. Aenchbacher, the 463rd is continuing the job TAC taught it, with PACAF the beneficiaries.

The wing flies the dependable C-130B Hercules, and provides logistics support for U.S. forces throughout Southeast Asia. It is composed of four squadrons, the 772nd, 773rd, and 774th from Langley, and the 29th TCS from Forbes AFB, Kan. It is a wing split by geography, but not purpose. Wing headquarters, the 772nd and 774th TCS are here, with the other two squadrons stationed at Clark. Lt. Col. Theodore M. Raley is commander of the 29th "Young lions" Squadron, newest unit in the wing.

“Our crews had experience before joining the 463rd,” the colonel said recently. “Since last March we’ve participated in two rotations, the Dominican crisis, and a field exercise. We have been carefully oriented by the

463rd as to our mission here, and we’ve adjusted well to the new unit.”

The 773rd TCS is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Mattick. The “Blue Eagles” were selected as the best assault airlift squadron in TAC twice in the past two years.

The 772nd, the “Red Foxes,” commanded by Lt. Col. Paul E. Malone and the 774th, the “Green Weasels,” Lt. Col. Elmer H. Cryer commander, fill out the wing.

There is a lot of good natured rivalry between squadrons, but like all “inter-family” squabbles, it ends when outsiders try to join the ribbing.

“We kid each other about which squadron is tops,” a Red Fox officer said recently,” but we join forces and let other troop carrier wings know that the 463rd is the best.”

The 463rd Field Maintenance Sq., and 463rd Organizational Maintenance Sq. are charged with the responsibility of keeping the C-130S in constant readiness.

Chief of Maintenance Lt. Col. Charles Q. Buckwalter has praised his men for their constant top quality work and ingenuity. A good deal of the maintenance manning has come from specialists from phased- out Strategic Air Command units. They’ve made the adjustment to the C-130 with minimum difficulties because of their own desire to learn and constant on-the- job-training, according to the colonel.

First Lt. Richard J. Goldberg, maintenance supervisor, explained that his biggest difficulty has been "keeping the men away from here on their infrequent days off. I’ve never seen harder working men,” he added.

At all levels in the wing, the pride of being TAC’s best has kept them busy at becoming the top troop carrier wing in PACAF.

440724	CG-4A	42-73562	29TCS	313TCG	484	CR	Pennington, William (NMI)	Folkingham/Sta 484
460801	L-5B	44-17083	29TCS	492SrG		LAC	Griffin, Louis G	Capodichino AAB
421210	C-39	38-517	29TCSq	313TCGp	Florence AB, SC	FLEF	Palm, Irvine L	7 mi NW of Latta, SC

430316	CG-4A	42-61188	29 TCS	313 TCG	Maxton, NC	FL	Fleischauer, Burton M	8 Mi SE Maxton AAB, NC
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430324	CG-4A	42-77069	29 TCS	313 TCG	Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC	ACC/LAC	Neel, Alexis M	Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC
430324	CG-4A	42-73607	29 TCS	313 TCG	Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC	FLW	Winks, Ben W	Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC

Air Force Order of Battle

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