

32 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

32 Transport Squadron constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 2 Mar 1942
Redesignated 32 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 30 Sept 1946
Redesignated 32 Tactical Airlift Squadron 18 Jun 1973
Activated, 1 Sep 1973
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1979
Redesignated 32 Airlift Flight, 1 May 1993
Activated, 31 May 1993
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 32 Flying Training Squadron, 3 Mar 1995
Activated, 1 Jun 1995

STATIONS

Drew Field, FL, 2 Mar 1942
Bowman Field, KY, 24 Jun 1942
Knobnoster, MO, 5 Nov 1942
Lawson Field, GA, 22 Feb–4 May 1943
Berguent, French Morocco, May 1943
Kairouan, Tunisia, 26 Jun 1943

Castelvetrano, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943–13 Feb 1944
Saltby, England, 20 Feb 1944
Poix, France, 28 Feb 1945
Frankfurt, Germany, 23 Sep 1945–30 Sep 1946
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Sep 1973–30 Jun 1979
Eglin AFB, FL, 31 May–1 Oct 1993
Vance AFB, OK, 1 Jun 1995

DEPLOYED STATIONS

RAF Mildenhall, England, 5 Nov 1973–16 Jan 1974, 3 Sep–14 Nov 1975, 9 Sep–14 Nov 1977,
17 Feb–14 Apr 1979
Rhein–Main AB, Germany, 3 Feb–16 Apr 1975, 3 Jun–14 Aug 1976, 13 Feb–13 Apr 1977

ASSIGNMENTS

314 Transport (later, Troop Carrier) Group, 2 Mar 1942
441 Troop Carrier Group, attached in Sep 1945, assigned Dec 1945–30 Sep 1946
314 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Sep 1973
314 Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Nov 1978–30 Jun 1979
46 Test Wing, 31 May–1 Oct 1993
71 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1995

ATTACHMENTS

513 Tactical Airlift Wing, 5 Nov 1973–16 Jan 1974, 3 Sep–14 Nov 1975
322 Tactical Airlift Wing, 3 Feb–16 Apr 1975
435 Combat Support Group, 3 Jun–14 Aug 1976, 13 Feb–13 Apr 1977
435 Tactical Airlift Group, 9 Sep–14 Nov 1977
313 Tactical Airlift Group, 17 Feb–14 Apr 1979

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C–47, 1942–1946
C–130, 1973–1979

COMMANDERS

2Lt L. C. Lillie, 9 Mar 1942
2Lt John W. Blakeslee, 14 May 1942
1Lt Paul W. Trenkenschuh, 15 Jun 1942
2Lt Hollis B. Tara, 6 Jul 1942
2Lt Robert I. Flanagan, 10 Jul 1942
Capt Sterling T. Love, c. 8 Nov 1942
Capt William R. Bomar, 25 May 1943
1Lt Richard B. Ott, 12 Jul 1943
Maj Charles C. Lewelling, 23 Jul 1943
Lt Col Halac G. Wilson, 31 May 1944
Maj Shirley B. Thompson, 7 Apr 1945–Unknown

Maj Robert H. Riemensnider, Jan 1946-Unknown
Lt Col G. B. Painter, 1 Sep 1973
Lt Col F. G. Hyre, 17 Jun 1974
Lt Col Jerry D. Miller, 27 May 1975
Lt Col R. R. Utley, 23 Feb 1976
Lt Col Tim Brady, 26 May 1978-30 Jun 1979
Unknown, 31 May-1 Oct 1993
Lt Col Richard D. Webster, 1 Jun 1995
Lt Col Donald P. Sewell, 2 Jul 1996
Lt Col Shelby G. Ball, 1 May 1998
Lt Col Jeffrey W. Spraggins, 28 Apr 2000
Lt Col Gary A. Packard, 12 Apr 2002
Lt Col Roger G. Johnson, 30 Oct 2003
Lt Col John J. Hokaj, 26 Aug 2005
Lt Col David F. Morrissey, 13 June 2007
Lt Col Darrell F. Judy, 9 Jul 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Sicily, 11 Jul 1943
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 1999
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005

EMBLEM



32 Tactical Airlift Squadron emblem

32 Flying Training Squadron emblem: Celeste, an eagle perched on a "Liberty" bell in base Or, head, tail and wings Argent, wings elevated and surmounting a pair of wings conjoined fesswise of the second, all detailed Gold Brown debruised at center by a hurt charged with a mullet White; all within a diminished bordure Yellow. (Approved, 2 Jan 1974 and modified in 1996)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in the MTO and ETO, during World War II. Carried passengers, mail, and cargo for European Air Transport Service, Sep 1945–Sep 1946.

Conducted worldwide airlift operations, 1973–1979.

A reorganization on September 1 brought the 32 TAS to Little Rock Air Force Base. This unit replaced the 48th AS. The 48th was deactivated and its equipment and personnel transferred to the 32.

An earthquake in Romania sent the 32 TAS to Bucharest with medical supplies from their TDY locale at Rhein-Main, Germany. In the second half of the month, the 32 flew to the Canary Islands. A collision between two 747 Jumbo Jets on the island's runway had resulted in hundreds of deaths. The 32 TAS flew 56 survivors to Europe for medical treatment.

In February, the 32 TAS deployed sixteen aircraft and 350 people to RAF Mildenhall, England to support three aircraft from the 50th TAS in operations in Europe. These C-130's moved more than 10,000 passengers and 4,000 tons of cargo.

Remagon Landing Zone, a dirt training strip in Georgia, was tested by a 32 TAS C-130 in May, marking the 314th's first use of the facility.

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