

## 43 TACTICAL AIRLIFT TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

43 Transport Squadron constituted, 30 May 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Redesignated 43 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945  
Activated, 19 May 1947  
Inactivated, 10 Sep 1948  
Redesignated 43 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 23 May 1952  
Activated, 10 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 18 Jan 1955  
Redesignated 43 Tactical Airlift Training Squadron, 20 Jul 1971  
Activated, 1 Sep 1971  
Inactivated, 31 Aug 1972

#### STATIONS

Olmsted Field, PA, 15 Jun 1942  
Bowman Field, KY, 17 Jun 1942  
Florence, SC, 3 Aug-11 Oct 1942  
Aldermaston, England, 1 Dec 1942 (operated from Blida, Algeria, 30 May 1943-7 Mar 1944)  
Welford, England, 6 Nov 1943  
Spanhoe, England, 7 Feb 1944  
Amiens, France, 6 Apr-May 1945  
Waller Field, Trinidad, May-31 Jul 1945  
Langley Field, VA, 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948

Brady AB, Japan, 10 Jun 1952-18 Jan 1955  
England AFB, LA, 1 Sep 1971-31 Aug 1972

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

315 Transport (later Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942-31 Jul 1945  
315 Troop Carrier Group, 19 May 1947-10 Sep 1948  
315 Troop Carrier Group, 10 Jun-18 Jan 1955  
4410 Special Operations Training Group, 1 Sep 1971

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-47, 1942-1945  
C-46, 1952-1955  
C-123

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

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

Korean War  
Korea Summer Fall, 1952  
Third Korean Winter  
Korea Summer-Fall, 1953

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
France, [6] Jun 1944

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation  
[10 Jun 1952]-27 Jul 1953

## EMBLEM



43<sup>rd</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron emblem



43<sup>rd</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium emblem: on a blue disc with white border an infantryman with helmet, parachute pack, and holding a rifle in his extended right hand, all tan except white parachute harness, riding a grey running elephant with green goggles and red cross on his hind quarter, in front a white cloud in base with an open tan parachute dropping a red crate in the distance in back of the elephant. (Approved, 3 Dec 1953)

## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

Transferred "overseas" aboard the Queen Elizabeth arrived in England 29 Nov 1942, Reported to Blida, Africa 15 Dec 1943

Included airborne assaults on Normandy, Holland, and Germany, as well as aerial transportation in ETO and MTO, during World War II.

Aerial transportation between Japan and Korea during Korean War.

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