

48 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Transport Squadron constituted, 30 May 1942
Activated, 15 Jun 1942
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1945
Activated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, 30 Jul 1948
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Special, 1 Feb 1949
Inactivated, 18 Sep 1949
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 26 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1955
Activated, 20 Aug 1964
Organized, 1 Jan 1965
Redesignated 48 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Mar 1966
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Jun 1967
Redesignated 48 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 15 Jun 1971
Activated, 15 Nov 1971
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1973
Redesignated 48 Airlift Squadron, 21 Nov 2003
Activated, 1 Dec 2003

STATIONS

Daniel Field, GA, 15 Jun 1942
Bowman Field, KY, 21 Jun 1942
Florence, SC, 4 Aug 1942
Maxton, NC, 13 Dec 1942-26 Apr 1943
Oujda, French Morocco, 11 May 1943
Kairouan, Tunisia, 20 Jun 1943 (air echelon operated from Ponte Olivo Airdrome, Sicily, 27 Jul-11 Aug 1943)
Sicacca Airdrome, Sicily, 6 Sep 1943
Trapani/Milo Airfield, Sicily, 6 Oct 1943-18 Feb 1944
Folkingham, England, 3 Mar 1944
Achiet, France, 6 Mar-3 Aug 1945
Baer Field, IN, 26 Sep-15 Nov 1945
Illesheim, Germany, 30 Sep 1946
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
Fassberg, 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 Jan 1965-25 Jun 1967
Forbes AFB, KS, 15 Nov 1971
Little Rock AFB, AR, 6 Aug-1 Sep 1973
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Dec 2003

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Rhein Main AB, Germany, 1 Jul-8 Nov 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

313 Transport (later, 313 Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942-15 Nov 1945
313 Troop Carrier Group, 30 Sep 1946-18 Sep 1949
313 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953-8 Jun 1955
313 Troop Carrier (later, 313 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1965-25 Jun 1967
313 Tactical Airlift Wing, 15 Nov 1971
314 Tactical Airlift Wing, 6 Aug-1 Sep 1973
314 Operations Group, 1 Dec 2003

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
C-53, 1942-1945
C-46, 1945
C-47, 1946-1947
C-54, 1947-1949
C-46, 1953

C-119, 1953-1955
C-130, 1965-1967
C-130, 1971-1973

COMMANDERS

None (Not Manned), 15 Jun-Jul 1942
Lt Edward B. Sutton Jr., 9 Jul 1942
Lt Col John P. Biggerstaff, 12 Aug 1942
Maj Edgar F. Stovall Jr., 1 Apr 1944
Capt William S. Kirkpatrick, 7 Jun 1944
Maj Edgar F. Stovall Jr., 29 Jul 1944
Lt Col William G. Oliver Jr., 29 Nov 1944
Capt Frederick I. Brown, C. Sep-15 Nov 1945
Col Edward F. Hubbard, 30 Sep 1946
None (Not Manned), 25 Jun-10 Aug 1947
Maj Paul E. Blow, 11 Aug 1947
Maj Philip A. Fitter, 1 Nov 1947
Maj William T. Johnson, 19 Nov 1947
Maj Wayne B. Curren, C. 15 Dec 1947-Jun 1948
Unkn, Jul-Nov 1948
Maj John L. Evans, 26 Nov 1948
Maj Darrell S. Cramer, 23 Feb 1949
Lt Col Steward H. Nichols, 14 Apr-18 Sep 1949
Lt Col Wilbert E. St. John, 1 Feb 1953
Maj Richard E. Knie, By Jul 1954
Unkn, Jan-8 Jun 1955
Lt Col Theodore M. Raley, 1 Jan 1965
Lt Col James F. Fowler, 5 Nov 1965
Lt Col Ellis J. Wheless, 31 Jan 1966
Lt Col James H. Seely, 14 Jun 1966
Lt Col Robert C. Kerr, 28 Nov 1966-25 Jun 1967
Lt Col Carl R. Webb, 15 Nov 1971
Lt Col Thomas P. Williams, 7 Apr 1972
Lt Col George B. Painter, 1 Aug-1 Sep 1973
Lt Col David A. Kasberg, 1 Dec 2003
Lt Col Patrick K. Mcleod, 15 Dec 2005
Lt Col Todd M. Pavich, 22 Jun 2007
Lt Col John E. Vaughn, 8 May 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 Dec] 2003-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

EMBLEM





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OPERATIONS

Supported airborne assaults on Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, and Germany during World War II. Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949. Supported U.S. Army forces, 1953-1955. Provided airlift for airborne forces, 1965-1967; deployed aircraft and crews to France and England, Oct 1965-Mar 1967 and to Panama Canal Zone, Mar-Jun 1967. Intra-theater airlift and support of U.S. Army airborne forces, 1971-1973.

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

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