

## 9 AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

9 Air Corps Ferrying Squadron constituted, 18 Feb 1942

Activated, 15 Apr 1942

Redesignated 9 Ferrying Squadron, 12 May 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

9 Liaison Squadron constituted, 5 Nov 1952

Activated, 16 Jan 1953

Inactivated, 25 Sep 1953

9 Airborne Command Control Squadron constituted, 12 Sep 1969

Activated, 15 Oct 1969

Redesignated 9 Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 15 Jul 1970

9 Ferrying Squadron Reconstituted and consolidated with 9 Liaison Squadron and 9 Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated organization designated 9 Airborne Command and Control Squadron.

### STATIONS

Long Beach, CA, 15 Apr 1942-1 Apr 1944

Stewart AFB, NY, 16 Jan-25 Sep 1953

Hickam AFB, HI, 15 Oct 1969

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Long Beach Sector, Army Air Forces Ferrying (later, AAF Air Transport) Command, (later 6<sup>th</sup> Ferrying Group), 15 Apr 1942-1 Apr 1944  
Eastern Air Defense Force, 16 Jan-25 Sep 1953  
6486 Air Base Wing, 15 Oct 1969  
15 Air Base Wing, 1 Nov 1971

## **ATTACHMENTS**

26 Air Division, 7 Mar-25 Sep 1953

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

L-20, 1953  
EC-135, 1969  
EC-135J  
EC-135P

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Air Corps Ferrying (later, 9<sup>th</sup> Ferrying) Squadron, activated on 15 Apr 1942, and began ferrying various types of aircraft from the factory of origin to assigned units and oversea departure points.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Liaison Squadron activated on 16 Jan 1953 for the purpose of providing the 26<sup>th</sup> Air Division a means for maintaining command contact with isolated units, provide critical supply of food, material, and light items of equipment to radar stations and other installations in remote locations, and to transport small numbers of personnel to and from advanced or isolated divisional organizations. On 7 Mar 1953, four detachments were organized and attached to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Air Division. At the same time, the squadron itself, less the four detachments, was attached to the 26<sup>th</sup> Air Division for operational control.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command Control Squadron activated on 15 Oct 1969 at Hickam AFB, HI, replacing the 6486<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command Control Squadron. Assigned to the 6486<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, the 9<sup>th</sup> provided an Airborne Command Control Post System for the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific. On 15 Jul 1970, the 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command Control Squadron was redesignated 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Command and Control Squadron. The squadron participated in operational missions, air refueling missions, higher headquarters special missions, and annual proficiency training in various models of the EC-135. By the 1980s, the squadron was flying the EC-135P, which was a modified KC-135 equipped with specialized communications facilities for the Airborne Command Post. In addition to its Airborne Command Post support, the 9<sup>th</sup> occasionally provides airlift for distinguished personnel.

In Mar 1967, five old EC-135As were transformed and renamed EC-135P. They retained both their boom and refueling receptacle and the cabin was given consoles, particular combat posts and equipment, as well as the usual series of 7 saber antennae positioned on and 5 under the fuselage, as well as a trailing TWA antenna housed under the belly in front of the right hand side main undercarriage well and that of the MILSTAR satellite link system. These planes, in service with the SAC, were destined to be used as airborne command posts by the general staff of Pacific forces; CINCPAC under the designation of 'Blue Eagle' with the 9<sup>th</sup> ACCS at Hickam. One of their main missions consisted of serving as communication relays with the fleet of missile launching submarines, either directly or via the EC-130Q or E-6A.

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