

51 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

51 Aerial Port Squadron
Constituted, 29 Jan 1973
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1973

STATIONS

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1973
315 Military Airlift Wing (Associate)

COMMANDERS

Unknown prior to 27 Sep 1981
Lt Col Donald K. Melton, 27 Sep 1981

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1982 - 31 Dec 1983

EMBLEM

On a light blue disc a black silhouette of an aircraft affronte above a yellow forklift detailed black carrying an ultramarine blue globe within a white net attached to a gold brown pallet; all within a narrow yellow border. Attached above the disc an ultramarine blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border inscribed READY TO MOVE THE WORLD in yellow letters. Attached below the disc an ultramarine blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 forklift and net indicate the mission of the Squadron. The globe reflects the worldwide mission. The aircraft represents the never-ending task of moving cargo in that it marks both the start and the completion of one step in the cargo processing cycle.

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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