

166 AERIAL PORT FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

166 Aerial Port Operations activated, May 1971
Redesignated 166 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 1978
Redesignated 166 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron
Redesignated 166 Aerial Port Flight, 1 Mar 1994

STATIONS

New Castle ANGB, DE

ASSIGNMENTS

166 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Charles F. McKinley
Cpt Johnie A. Burton, Jr, Jul 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The primary role of the Mobile Aerial Ports are to establish and operate air terminals at non-fixed forward operating locations. As an integral element of MAC airlift forces, Aerial Port units supportive services are vital to the overall tactical airlift operation and its effectiveness. Mobile Aerial Ports under the command and operational control of the Tactical Airlift Wing plays a very important function in the day to day aerial delivery training of airlift squadrons worldwide to ensure constant readiness and capability status. Normally an aerial port is co-located with MAC Airlift (Group) (Wing) while in a non-deployed state. While in this state, constant responsiveness to group aerial delivery training requirements are maintained to include Loadmaster augmentation of airlift units. Concurrently, the Aerial Ports must maintain a constant high state of readiness and mobility to deploy in part, or as a complete unit in support of worldwide contingency plans or other operational requirements. Under deployed conditions, the aerial port forces support the overall airlift operations through augmentations of existing Aerial Port forces and through establishment of mobile air terminal teams using Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

May 1971, the 166th MAPF was federally recognized as the 166th Aerial Port Operations. During the first few years of conception, the unit was designed to support the 142nd Tactical Airlift Squadron in its new aerial delivery mission. The unit personnel strength grew from 30 in 1971 to 62 in 1978, as the 166th Aerial Port Operations was redesignated the 166 Mobile Aerial Port Flight and realigned under the newly formed 166th Resource Management Squadron. These changes placed the 166th MAPF in a totally new mission deploying personnel strategically around the world working with active duty Air Force counterparts. In the near future, anticipated plans are to increase 166th MAPF members thereby becoming a 123 man squadron.

166th Aerial Port Flight deployments

Apr 78-Lajes AB, Azores

Jun 79-Torrejon AB, Spain

Mar 79-Travis AFB, CA

Mar 80-McCord AFB, WA

Jun 80-Kadena AB, Okinawa

Apr 81-Rhein Mein AB, Germany

Oct 81-Clark AB, Philippines

Mar 82-Norton AFB, CA

May 82-Rhein Mein AB, Germany

Oct 82-Howard AB, Panama

Mar 83-McCord AFB, WA

Jul 83-Rhein Mein AB, Germany

Aug 83-Howard AB, Panama

Jun 83-Cairo, Egypt
Mar 84-Charleston AFB, SC
Apr 84-Torrejon AB, Spain
Oct 84-Howard AB, Panama
Jan 85-Goosebay, Labrador
Feb 85-Little Rock AB, AR
Mar 85-Mildenhall, England
Jul 85-Aviano AB, Italy
Aug 85-Pope AFB, NC

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