



68 Airlift Squadron

Lineage

Constituted 68 Troop Carrier Squadron on 22 Jan 1943. Activated on 9 Feb 1943.

Inactivated on 15 Jan 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 3 Aug 1947. Redesignated 68 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 15 Oct 1950. Inactivated on 14 Jul 1952. Activated in the Reserve on 18 May 1955.

Redesignated: 68 Tactical Airlift Squadron on 1 Jul 1967; 68 Military Airlift Squadron on 1 Apr 1985; 68 Airlift Squadron on 1 Feb 1992.

Assignments

433 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Feb 1943-15 Jan 1946. 433 Troop Carrier Group, 3 Aug 1947-14 Jul 1952. 433 Troop Carrier Group, 18 May 1955; 433 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959; 922 Troop Carrier (later, 922 Tactical Airlift) Group, 17 Jan 1963; 921 Tactical Airlift Group, 30 Jun 1974; 433 Tactical Airlift (later, 433 Military Airlift; 433 Airlift) Wing, 1 Nov 1974; 433 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-.

Stations

Florence AAFld, SC, 9 Feb 1943; Sedalia AAFld, MO, 19 Mar 1943; Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 9 Jun 1943; Baer Field, IN, 1-15 Aug 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, c. 1 Sep 1943; Nadzab, New Guinea, c. 15 Nov 1943 (detachment operated from Tadji, New Guinea, 18 May-4 Jun 1944); Biak, 15 Nov 1944 (detachment operated from Nadzab, New Guinea, 15 Nov 1944-5 Jan 1945); Tanauan, Leyte, c. 15 Feb 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, c. 15 Jun 1945; Iwo Jima, 25 Aug 1945; Ie Shima, c. 10 Sep 1945; Tachikawa, Japan, c. 30 Sep 1945-15 Jan 1946. Cleveland Muni Aprt, OH, 3 Aug 1947; Greenville AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950-20 Jul 1951; Rhein/Main AB, Germany, 6 Aug 1951-14 Jul 1952. Brooks AFB, TX, 18 May 1955; Kelly AFB, TX, 21 May 1960; Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 2001-.

Commanders

2d Lt Richard W. Adams, 10 Feb 1942; Maj Joseph B. Bonner, 12 Feb 1943; Capt Joseph M. Fentress, 2 Jan 1945; Capt Curtis L. Jensen, by Sep 1945-unkn. Unkn, 3 Aug 1947-1950; Maj Adam A. Reaver, by Jan 1951; Maj Calvin L. Williams, 9 Apr-14 Jul 1952. Unkn, 18 May 1955-1958; Lt Col Howard A. Schulte, by Dec 1958; Lt Col Joseph L. West, by Jun 1959; Col James P. Hill, by Jan 1963; Lt Col Douglas J. Freeman, by Jun 1969; Lt Col Nicholas P. Nusbaum, by Oct 1969; Lt Col Norman E. Buescher Jr., by Jun 1972; Lt Col Samuel D. McAnally, by Sep 1978; Lt Col Bert A. Lundell, by Jul 1982; Lt Col Edwin I. Emmons, 28 Jun 1984; Lt Col John A. Betts, by Aug 1986; Lt Col Harland S. Hanson, 14 Jun 1989; Lt Col David H. Comstock, 14 Sep 1989; Lt Col Victor J. Hooper, 1 Sep 1992; Lt Col Edward D. Dingivan, 11 Oct 1994; Lt Col Henry R. Skillen, 1 Jul 1998; Lt Col Darrell Anderson; Lt Col Moses Malone Dates; Lt Col Howard A. Seid; Lt Col Robert McVey; Lt Col Arthur T. Coppage 26 Feb 2007.

Aircraft

C-47, 1943-1945; B-17, 1944; C-46, 1944-1945. Unkn, 1947; T-11, 1948-1951; T-7, 1949-1951; C-46, 1949-1950; C-119, 1950-1952. T-28, 1955; C-45, 1955-1956; C-46, 1955-1958; C-119, 1958-1971; C-130, 1971-1985; C-5, 1985-.

Operations

Troop carrier missions in New Guinea, Philippines, and western Pacific, 1943-1945; airborne assault at Aparri, Luzon, 23 Jun 1945. Worldwide airlift, 1955-. Flew medical supplies, tanks, and field rations to Panama during Operation Just Cause, 1989-1990. Airlifted personnel and materiel destined for southwestern Asia, 1990-1991.

Service Streamers

None.

Campaign Streamers

World War II: Air Offensive, Japan; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Ryukyus. Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Panama, 1989-1990.

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul-31 Dec 1964; 16 Jul 1977-15 Jul 1979; 1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983; 1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Emblem

Approved on 7 Jul 1961.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 26 Feb 2001.

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through 30 Sep 1998.