

## 137<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

483<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Dive) constituted, 3 Aug 1943  
Activated, 10 Aug 1943  
Redesignated 504<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Nov 1956  
Inactivated, 24 May 1946  
Reconstituted and redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and allotted to NY NG  
137<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron (SE) extended federal recognition, 24 Jun 1948  
redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 Sep 1952  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 May 1958  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Transport Squadron, Feb 1961  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Air Transport Squadron (Heavy), Dec 1962  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, 1 Jan 1966  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Support Squadron, 28 May 1969  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, 1 May 1984  
Redesignated 137<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron 15 Mar 1992

### STATION

Hunter Field, GA, 10 Aug 1942  
Drew Field, FL, 6 Feb 1943  
Walterboro AAFld, SC, 3 Jul 1943  
Rice AAFld, CA, 17 Sep 1943-9 Mar 1944  
Fowlmere, England, 5 Apr 1944-8 Sep 1945  
Drew Field, FL, c. 22 Sep-7 Nov 1945

Hunter Field, GA  
Drew Field, FL  
Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY  
Stewart ANGB, Newburgh, NY, May 1983 **1987**

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

339<sup>th</sup> Bombardment (later Fighter-Bomber; Fighter) Group, 10Aug 1942-18 Oct 1945

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

### **Mission Aircraft**

A-24, 1942  
P-39, 1943  
P-51D, 1944  
P-47D  
F-47D  
F-51H  
F-94A, 1953  
F-94B  
F-86H, 1958  
C-119C  
C-97G  
U-3A  
U-3B  
O-2A, 1971  
C-5A, 1985  
C-17

### **Support Aircraft**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

### **P-51B**

42-106588	42-106662	42-106791	42-106886	44-15592
42-106601	42-106664	42-106799	42-106908	43-24772
42-106602	42-106672	42-106809	42-106928	43-24781
42-106641	42-106678	42-106828	42-106933	43-24781
42-106642	42-106690	42-106838	42-106933	43-24804
42-106644	42-106700	42-106842	42-106933	43-7180
42-106644	42-106773	42-106845	42-106933	
42-106644	42-106789	42-106847	42-106934	
42-106649	42-106789	42-106886	42-106947	

### **P-51C**

42-103323	42-103359	42-103394	42-103302
42-103342	42-103363	42-103737	

### **P-51D**

44-72095	44-13773	44-14169	44-14672	44-72161
44-	44-13823	44-14183	44-14804	44-72188
44-11189	44-13868	44-14208	44-15021	44-72282
44-11235	44-13938	44-14287	44-15021	44-72286
44-13330	44-14011	44-14321	44-15053	44-72495
44-13378	44-14047	44-14372	44-15499	44-725##
44-13392	44-14053	44-14372	44-15562	44-72534
44-13512	44-14060	44-14372	44-64148	44-14321
44-13521	44-14070	44-14628	44-64148	
44-13569	44-14153	44-14647	44-72063	
44-13584	44-14153	44-14647	44-72082	

**P-51K**

44-11640	44-11684	44-11684	44-11745	44-11372
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**F-51H**

44-64214	44-64384	44-64530	44-64598	44-64676
44-64263	44-64496	44-64550	44-64605	44-64705
44-64323	44-64499	44-64565	44-64609	44-64713
44-64330	44-64524	44-64566	44-64612	
44-64345	44-64527	44-64569	44-64656	

F-94  
50930  
92587

**ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

**UNIT COLORS**

**COMMANDERS**

**HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

American Theater

**Campaign Streamers**

Offensive, Europe

Air Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Germany, 10-11Sep 1944

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 30 Apr 1944-21 Apr 1945

the 137th Fighter Squadron of the N.Y. Air National Guard received federal recognition and began operations at the Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y. The unit was initially equipped with F-47

In September 1952, the unit was redesignated the 137th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and received the F-51 as well as a new air defense mission. In 1953, the unit entered the “jet age” when it received the F-94.

The 137th FIS was another New York ANG unit that was flying the F-94A/B when it converted to the F-86H in May 1958 when it was redesignated the 137th TFS. The F-86Hs were replaced in February 1961 when the squadron equipped with C-97. The unit flew from White Plains, NY.

2 July 1985. The 137th Military Airlift, New York ANG, received its first C-5A marking the return of the Air Guard to the strategic airlift mission.

Shortly after receiving its first C-5A, in Oct 1985, the unit airlifted 84,600 pounds of cots and bedding to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Gloria.

In Oct 1988, the 105th transported 300,000 pounds of hurricane relief and reconstruction supplies to the island nation of Jamaica following Hurricane Gilbert.

11 December 1988. Starting on this date, Air Guardsmen flying C-141Bs from Mississippi's 172nd Military Airlift Group (MAG) and C-5As from New York's 105th MAG participated in an airlift of clothing, food, and supplies to Armenia after a powerful earthquake devastated that region of the Soviet Union.

In Jan 1989, the unit carried 146,610 pounds of earthquake relief supplies to Soviet Armenia. In Mar 1989, the 105th responded with less than 24 hours notice to an AMC request to airlift a more than 80,000-pound submersible vehicle from Andrews and Homestead Air Force Bases to Kadena Air Base, Japan, to assist in search and recovery operations for an Air Force HH-3

helicopter which crashed in the East China Sea.

1989 ended on a dramatic note for the 105th Airlift Wing by supporting a wartime mission for "Operation Just Cause" in Panama. More than 2,200,000 pounds of cargo airlifted by the 105th in support of that operation represented approximately 25 percent of the initial total airlift effort of all the Military Airlift Command's C-5 fleet assigned to both active duty and reserve component elements.

Throughout the summer and fall of 1989, the 105th continued to support reconstruction efforts in Jamaica by airlifting National Guard civil engineering teams and equipment to the hurricane-ravaged island.

Beginning in Oct 1989, the unit responded to another storm, Hurricane Hugo, transporting more than 2 million pounds of relief supplies to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

7 Aug 1990, former Governor Mario Cuomo announced that the Department of Defense requested, and approved, the participation of personnel and C-5A aircraft in direct support of "Operation Desert Shield" in the Persian Gulf region.

24 Aug 1990 the 137th Airlift Squadron was called to active duty by President George Bush Sr. to provide continued support throughout the operation. While the 137th was formally deactivated on 15 May 1991, the majority of unit members chose to remain in active status until Aug 1991 in response to AMC's need for continuing airlift support for "Operation Desert Storm." By the end of May 1991, the 137th flew some 836 missions and 1,391 sorties during "Operation Desert Storm." Feb 28, 1991, a part of the 105th U.S. Air Force Clinic was also called to active duty with duty stations at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. All medical personnel were released from active duty during May 1991.

In Dec 1991, the 105th carried more than 145,000 pounds of clothing, blankets and medical supplies to Bucharest, Romania.

In Feb 1992, the unit participated in Operation Provide Hope, the airlift of humanitarian aid to the Commonwealth of Independent States (the former Soviet Union), delivering 384,000 pounds of relief materials to Saint Petersburg, Russia, and Yerevan, Armenia.

In Sep 1992, the unit responded to South Florida, delivering more than 1 million pounds of food, tents, mobile kitchens, vehicles and emergency services personnel after Hurricane Andrew hit the Homestead area.

In Nov 1992, the 105th airlifted 118,450 pounds of cargo, including generators, portable shelters and medical supplies and equipment to Zagreb, Croatia, to support the U.S. Army's 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

From Dec 1992 to April 1993, the 105th supported Operation Restore Hope providing humanitarian airlift of 2,800,000 pounds of supplies and more than 600 passengers into Somalia.

Following massive flooding in the central United States in Jul 1993, the unit airlifted 10 reverse osmosis water purification systems weighing a total of more than 380,000 pounds and capable of providing more than 600,000 gallons of potable water a day to Des Moines, IA.

In Aug 1993, the unit carried 75 tons of relief supplies and equipment to Southern Turkey to be used to help Kurdish refugees from Iraqi terrorism.

In Oct 1993, the 105th returned to Somalia, delivering military personnel and almost 860,000 pounds of equipment non-stop—with triple air refueling—directly from bases in the United States to Mogadishu.

In Jul 1994, 105th aircraft began carrying humanitarian relief supplies to the people of Rwanda—by early Sep, 1,635,189 pounds of supplies and equipment were delivered to East Africa.

In late Sep 1994, the unit began airlifting more than a million pounds of supplies and equipment to Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy.

Oct 1994, 105th aircraft and volunteer crews played a key role in “Operation Vigilant Warrior” and “Operation Southern Watch,” deterring potential Iraqi aggression in the Arabian Peninsula.

The 105th played a key role in Jul 1995 for Operation Quick Lift when it airlifted 431,000 pounds of cargo and 190 British troops from RAF Brize Norton, United Kingdom, to Split, Croatia, in support of the United Nations’ Rapid Reaction Deployment Force.

In Aug 1995, the 105th airlifted personnel and equipment to Kuwait in support of “Operation Vigilant Warrior II” and “Exercise Intrinsic Action.”

Immediately following Hurricane Marilyn in Sep 1995, the unit airlifted 527,200 pounds of desperately needed supplies and equipment to the citizens of the American Virgin Islands.

In Dec 1995, 105th Airlift Wing C-5 crews embarked on the first of six missions in support of President Clinton’s peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, transporting almost 800,000 pounds of U.S. Army support equipment to the European theater.

In Mar 1996, the 105th participated in Partners in Peace; a joint-force operation bringing needed office supplies to Rwanda for the War Crimes Tribunal. The mission also carried medical supplies for the World Food Program.

In Sep of 1996, the 105th returned to Puerto Rico, delivering 22,000 pounds of bedding after the island was hit by Hurricane Hortense.

In Apr of 1997, the 105th flew 160,000 pounds of produce and fruit to Fargo, North Dakota, after flooding there forced thousands from their homes.

In Jan 1998, during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, the 105th Airlift Wing became a

hub for northern New York ice storm relief activity as the unit members received and downloaded 70 emergency generators from five C-5. The 105th also loaded the 7,500-pound generators onto Army Guard flatbeds for transport upstate to the ice storm victims. The 105th again assisted their northern state neighbors by helping clean up communities damaged by a tornado in late May of 1998.

Feb 1998, the 105th flew four missions and 336,005 pounds of cargo in support of "Operation Phoenix Scorpion," in a continuing effort to deter potential Iraqi aggression.

In Sep 1998, the unit flew five missions in support of AMC relief missions to the Caribbean after Hurricane Georges hit the area. The 105th flew five missions carrying a total of 294.9 tons of supplies to Puerto Rico. And although humanitarian airlift missions have slowed considerably since 1999, the 105th is still ready and willing to respond to a humanitarian crisis anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

Sep 2001 Immediately following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the men and women of the 105th Airlift Wing quickly prepared Stewart to become a staging area for military and civilian emergency response teams. Additionally, from September 11 through early November, more than 200 unit personnel voluntarily deployed to New York City to provide Ground Zero perimeter control, medical and civil engineering assistance, command and control and ministry services.

Nov and Dec 2001, elements of the 105th were activated in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom" after the tragic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The Security Forces Squadron, the 137th Airlift Squadron and a small number of personnel from the Maintenance Squadron were called to federal duty to participate in worldwide missions in support of the war on terrorism. These personnel and the unit's C-5A aircraft, continue to support this operation as well as "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

December 2004. The Air Guard participated in Operation Unified Assistance, a multinational effort to deliver relief supplies and personnel to coastal areas in Southeast Asia after the region was devastated by a tsunami on 26 December 2004. At least one ANG aircraft - a C-5A from the 105th Airlift Wing from Stewart Air National Guard Base, New York — took part in the massive airlift which ended in February 2005

The first of eight C-17s destined to replace the C-5As of the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing landed Monday at Stewart ANG Base in Newburgh. "It's sad to see the C-5As go, but it's the right thing for the future of the base," said Brig. Gen. Verle Johnston, 105th AW commander, reported the Hudson Valley Times Herald-Record. Stewart will officially mark the transition to the Globemaster in an acceptance ceremony on Aug. 6. The wing currently operates a fleet of 13 C-5s that will gradually phase out as crews transition to the C-17 over the next two years. "It's a beautiful airplane. It's a breath of fresh air," remarked SMSgt. John Sheehy, a 105th AW crew chief, who flew on the C-17 on its delivery flight from Charleston AFB, S.C. Lower maintenance requirements will likely mean workforce cuts to a sizable portion of the wing's maintenance division, according to the Times Herald-Record. 2011

504th Fighter Squadron  
 Code: 5Q  
 Callsign: Cockshy (A Group)  
 Gluepot (B Group)

440610	P-51	42-106700	339	504	Boden
440613	P-51	42-106847	339	504	
440615	P-51	43-24772	339	504	Montell Jr
440729	P-51	42-106642	339	504	Atteberry
440729	P-51	42-103394	339	504	Rutan Jr
440802	P-51	42-106641	339	504	Schneider
440813	P-51	44-13521	339	504	Winkleman
440816	P-51	44-13584	339	504	Hunter
440817	P-51	42-106649	339	504	Pastor
441126	P-51	44-13938	339	504	Van Cleave
441212	P-51	44-13378	339	504	Loskill
441229	P-51	44-14287	339	504	Mead
450222	P-51	44-14153	339	504	Wood
450222	P-51	44-11745	339	504	Herrmann
450320	P-51	44-14647	339	504	Ballard

430821	P-39N	42-18456	504FBS	339FBG	Walterboro, SC	KBOSSP	Bacsik, John Jr	USA	SC	Walterboro, SC
430921	P-39Q	42-20102	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, CA	LACDF	Caudel, Donald C	USA	CA	Shavers Summit, CA
430922	P-39Q	42-20000	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, CA	MACOB	Showker, Fred S	USA	CA	40 Mi SW Blythe AAB, CA
430925	P-39N	42-18466	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF	TACGC	Thibert, Henry G	USA	CA	Rice AAF
430925	P-39N	42-18468	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF	TACGC	Parked Airplane	USA	CA	Rice AAF
440110	P-39N	42-18466	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, CA	MACT	Thibert, Henry G.	USA	CA	25 Mi NE RAAF, Rice, CA
440131	P-39	42-19932	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, Rice, CA	KSSP	Whisler, Donald G	USA	CA	7 Mi NE Rice AAF, Rice, CA
440206	P-39Q	42-20704	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, Rice, CA	BOSF	Thistlethwaite, Edward	USA	CA	5 Mi NE Rice AAF, Rice, CA
440217	P-39N	42-18466	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, Rice CA	KBMAC	Westberg, Russell A	USA	CA	3 Mi SW Rice AAF, Rice CA
440217	P-39D	41-6870	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, Rice CA	MAC	Thompson, Ralph P	USA	CA	3 Mi SW Rice AAF, Rice CA
440110	P-39N	42-18466	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, CA	MACT	Thibert, Henry G.			25 Mi NE RAAF, Rice, CA
440131	P-39	42-19932	504FBS	339FBG	Rice AAF, Rice, CA	KSSP	Whisler, Donald G			7 Mi NE Rice AAF, Rice,



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431220	P-39Q	42-19934	504FBSq	339FBGp	Rice AAF, Rice, CA	BOEF	Showker, Fred S	USA	CA	2 mi E of Rice AAF, CA
431229	P-39Q	42-19946	504FBSq	339FBGp	Rice AAF, Rice, CA	FLEF	Ball, Melville R	USA	CA	20 mi WSW of Rice AAF, CA
440117	P-39Q	42-19668	504FS	339FG	Rice AAF, CA	CBL	Thibert, Henry G.	USA	CA	Rice AAF, CA
440429	P-51B15	42- 106828	504FS	339FG	378	KDTC	Degner, Ralph W	NSE		Ipswich/ 30mi E
440512	P-51B15	42- 106842	504FS	339FG	378	TOA		ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440515	P-51B15	42- 106845	504FS	339FG	378	CBL	Thompson, Ralph P	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440518	P-51B10	42- 106672	504FS	339FG	378	CBL	Waymire, Harvey P	ENG		Chedbirgh/ 2mi W
440526	P-51B15	42- 106773	504FS	339FG	378	CBL	Thistlewaite, Edward A	ENG		Thurleigh/Sta 111
440606	P-51B5	42- 106928	504FS	339FG	378	KCR	Brownshadal, Elton J	ENG		Salletts Farm, Barnston
440608	P-51B15	42- 106947	504FS	339FG	378	TOA	Zeine, Donald A	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440615	P-51B10	42- 106690	504FS	339FS	378	TAC	Craigo, Cecil E Jr	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440616	P-51B10	42- 106644	504FS	339FG	378	GL	Corbin, Luther L	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440620	P-51D5	44-13569	504FS	339FG	378	CRLSF	Roult, Bill C	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440624	P-51D5	44-13512	504FS	339FG	378	LAC	Zeine, Donald A	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440716	P-51B10	42- 106662	504FS	339FG	378	LAC	Penrose, Rochard O	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440807	P-51B10	42- 106644	504FS	339FG	378	TAC	Corbin, Luther L	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440811	P-51D5	44-13773	504FS	339FG	378	CRLEF	Van Cleave, Ely N	ENG		Luton/ 1mi E
440824	P-51B10	42- 106588	504FS	339FG	378	CRLEF	Beadle, Emy L	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440922	P-51B15	43-24781	504FS	339FG	378	TOA	Greer, Nile C	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
441121	P-51C7	42- 103363	504FS	339FG	378	TOA	Barrett, Lawrence J	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
450110	P-51B15	42- 106886	504FS	339FG	378	FLoG	Blizzard, Robert V	ENG		Fowlmere/ 2mi E Sta 378
450114	P-51D15	44-15562	504FS	339FG	378	CBLDF	Kunz, Leonard A	ENG		Kingston Wood
450205	P-51D10	44-14321	504FS	339FG	378	CBLEF	Barto, Vernon N	ENG		Church Farm, Wendy
450216	P-51K5	44-11640	504FS	339FG	378	LAC	Hendricks, Charles J	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
450216	P-51D10	44-14628	504FS	339FG	378	FLEF	Cohen, Gilbert G	ENG		RAF Coltishall
450220	P-51D10	44-14647	504FS	339FG	378	TAC	Mason, Clair M	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378

450308	P-51K5	44-11684	504FS	339FG	378	CRLEF	Havighurst, Robert G	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
450324	P-51D5	44-11235	504FS	339FG	378	GL	Clifton, Frank A	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
450327	P-51D5	44-11189	504FS	339FG	378	KCR	Berguson, Kenneth V	ENG		Croft Farm, Kingerby
450601	P-51D20	44-72286	504FS	339FG	378	BMAC	Creswell, Raymond H	ENG		Great Chesterford/ 1mi E
450716	P-51B10	42- 106644W	504FS	339FG	378	CBL	Garland, Edgar L	ENG		Bury St Edmunds/Sta 468
450717	P-51D5	44-14011	504FS	339FG	378	KCR	Gilbert, Kenneth L	ENG		Fowlmere/Sta 378
440117	P-39Q	42-19668	504FS	339FG	Rice AAF, CA	CBL	Thibert, Henry G.			Rice AAF, CA

500503	F-47D	44-90437	137FS	107FG	Westchester CAP, NY	KSSP	Pellicane, Robert R.	1 Mi N Westchester CAP
500613	F-47D	45-49339	137FS	107FG	Westchester CAP, NY	LAC	Hill, Frank A	Westchester CAP
511021	F-51H	44-64612	137FS	107FG	Westchester CAP, NY	TOAEF	Schipper, Paul B.	Westchester CAP





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