

## 179 AIRLIFT WING



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

179 Tactical Fighter Group constituted, 15 Oct 1962  
Activated and federally recognized, 15 Oct 1962  
Redesignated 179 Tactical Airlift Group  
Redesignated 179 Airlift Group 16 Mar 1992  
Redesignated 179 Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1995

#### STATIONS

Mansfield-Lahm Air National Guard Base, Mansfield, OH

#### ASSIGNMENTS

121st Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Oct 1962  
Ohio Air National Guard

#### WEAPON SYSTEMS

##### Mission Aircraft

F-84, 1962  
F-100, 1972  
C-130, 1976  
C-27, 2010  
C-130, 2013

##### Support Aircraft

C-47, 1962  
C-54, 1967  
T-33, 1962

#### COMMANDERS

Maj Emerson E. Lewis, 15 Oct 1962  
LTC Daniel G. Arnold interim Commander from Aug 1970-Jun 1971  
LTC Emerson E. Lewis, Jun 1971

LTC Daniel G. Arnold, 17 Jan 1981  
LTC Fred N. Larson, 16 Sep 1986  
Col Gregory N. Schnulo March 2010 – May 2010  
Col Gary A. McCue July 2010 - Present

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

## EMBLEM



A yellow bordered shield contains a winged victory wreath on a blue background in the top half with a stylized castle rampart in yellow for the bottom half. An arm in blue and yellow Knights Armor supports a mailed fist holding a sword with a red hilt at the ready on this yellow background. A scroll below the shield, white bordered in yellow, contains the words, "179th Tactical Fighter Group" in yellow block letters.

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

The 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, provides worldwide air transportation of personnel and cargo, including airland and airdrop with Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System (AWADS) capability. During FY00, the unit's C-130H2 flew 1,600 sorties for a total of 3,150 accident-free hours. During this reporting period, the 179th served as the lead unit in the first Air National Guard deployment under the Aerospace Expeditionary Force concept when it deployed 127 unit members to Seeb, Oman, Sept 22 through Dec. 30, 1999. This deployment was in direct support of Operation Southern Watch, which enforces the southern no-fly zone over Iraq. The operation was further supported by the 179th with additional deployments to Azores; Crete; Al Jabar Air Base, Kuwait Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia; and Doha, Qatar. The unit sent personnel to other major deployments at Kadena Air Base, Japan; Incirlik, Turkey; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Pope AFB, N.C.; and the South Pole. Fifty members from various units deployed to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for Coronet Oak, and 142 members deployed to Savannah, Ga., for Crisis Reach 00-14. The 179th Airlift Wing sent its personnel to various annual training locations throughout the fiscal year, to include Dover AFB, Del.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Alpena, Mich.; and Ramstein AB, Germany. In addition, 38 members of the civil engineering squadron deployed to Tyndall AFB, Fla., to support Silver Flag; 10 members from the communication flight deployed to Hurlburt AFB, Fla., for Buckeye Achiever; 12 members from the logistics squadron

deployed to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., to participate in the annual supply and fuels Rodeo competition; and 75 members deployed to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., to train in a bare base environment during War Skills 2000.

**2005 1 Sep** One C-130 assigned to the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Ohio ANG, airlifted thirty-seven Ohio National Guard soldiers to Laurel, Mississippi.

The Ohio ANG's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield has become the first of eight Air Guard combat-ready units to convert to the C-27J. Army Maj. Gen. Gregory Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, joined wing officials and local and state politicians on Aug. 14 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, the wing's home, to celebrate the conversion. On the previous day, "The Spirit of Mansfield," the first of the unit's four C-27Js arrived there. The wing has flown C-130s since 1976. The Air Guard installation was initially recommended for closure through a 2005 base realignment and closure decision, but later received the new mission. The Mansfield News Journal reported Sunday that the wing expects to have all four of its C-27s in place by February 2011. Mansfield is also under consideration to host the C-27J schoolhouse. Monday August 16, 2010

The Air Force's C-27 fleet was grounded at the end of December after the discovery of metal shavings inside the fuel cells of all eight aircraft in the service's inventory, officials told the Daily Report. It's not yet clear what caused the problem, but officials said they expect "it's something left over from the manufacturing process," considering that's the apparent common thread across all eight aircraft, said Col. Gary Akins, the Air National Guard's acting deputy director of air, space, and air operations. The three aircraft assigned to Robins AFB, Ga., have since been cleared to fly, but last we heard, the Spartans assigned to the ANG's 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield Lahm Airport in Ohio, and the two aircraft undergoing pre-delivery modifications at contractor L3's plant in Waco, Tex., remained grounded as workers waited on spare parts. The desire to get the mini tactical airlifters to Afghanistan is great and Guard officials said they are feeling the "pressure" to deploy the first aircraft to theater in March. But the grounding delayed some much-needed training time for the Air Guard aircrews, who are still learning the ins and outs of the new aircraft. USAF is building a fleet of 38 C-27s for the Air Guard.

Airmen with the Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield have embarked on the first-ever overseas deployment of the Air Guard's new C-27J, unit officials announced Tuesday. The Mansfield airmen headed to Afghanistan, along with National Guard soldiers from Georgia and Oklahoma, to work in conjunction with the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade out of Ft. Campbell, Ky. The C-27s will provide direct support to Army ground units via airlifts and airdrops. "I could not be more proud of the folks around the country and the agencies and organizations that assisted with getting these planes out the door," said Col. Gary McCue, 179th AW commander. This C-27J team will remain overseas for nine months, said Mansfield officials. The challenges of bedding down the new aircraft, while simultaneously preparing for its maiden overseas rotation, delayed the deployment for several months. 2011

The Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield will gain eight C-130H transports in place of the four C-27Js it is losing as part of Air Force-wide force structure changes, announced unit officials. The wing is scheduled to receive its first C-130H by September-the timeframe by which its C-27s are expected to be gone-and have all eight C-130s in place by June 2016, according to Mansfield's March 28 release. As part of taking on the C-130s, the wing also will grow in size to 830 personnel from the current level of 650, states the release. Officials have not yet finalized the timeline for the personnel changes, or determined the breakdown of full-time and traditional Air Guard positions. 2013

The Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield welcomed the first two of eight C-130Hs that it is taking on as part of a mission switch, according to a unit release. The two aircraft, formerly flown by the Alaska Air Guard, touched down at the Mansfield Lahm Airport on May 24, states the release. The wing is losing its four C-27J airplanes in this fiscal year as part of the Air Force's divestiture of the C-27 fleet. In their place, it will receive the eight C-130s, along with nearly 200 extra personnel. All eight of the C-130s are slated to be in place by June 2016, according to unit officials. 2013

The Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing recently received its eighth and final C-130H, completing its transition back to the airframe from the C-27J Spartan at Mansfield ANGB, Ohio. The unit flew legacy C-130s from 1976 until 2010, when it became the first unit to transition to the new C-27J, receiving a total of four Spartans. When the Air Force elected to divest the C-27J fleet in 2013, the 179th AW began its transition back to the C-130H. Over the past two years the wing has recruited, retrained, and recertified aircrew, maintainers, and support personnel to grow from its previously authorized strength of 650 personnel to the approximately 850 authorized to support C-130 operations. The unit also took delivery of one of the first C-130 multi-mission crew trainers in the ANG, ahead of 179th Operations Group commander Col. Mark Auer declaring the unit mission capable last month. The final aircraft arrived Aug. 4, 2015

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