

## 313 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

313 Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 23 Oct 1943  
Activated, 1 Nov 1943  
Inactivated, 7 Sep 1946  
Redesignated 313 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 10 May 1949  
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active duty, 1 Apr 1951  
Inactivated, 2 Apr 1951  
Redesignated 313 Fighter Bomber Squadron, 26 May 1952  
Activated in the Reserve, 13 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 313 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 1 Sep 1957  
Ordered to active duty, 28 Oct 1962  
Relieved from active duty, 28 Nov 1962  
Redesignated 313 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Jul 1967  
Redesignated 313 Military Airlift Squadron (Associate), 25 Jul 1968  
Redesignated 313 Airlift Squadron (Associate), 1 Feb 1992  
Redesignated 313 Airlift Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

### STATIONS

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Nov 1943  
Alliance AAFld, NE, 20 Jan 1944  
Pope Field, NC, 11 Mar 1944  
Baer Field, IN, 7-15 Mar 1945  
Barkston, England, 3 Apr 1945  
Roye/Amy Airfield, France, 18 Apr-13 Jul 1945  
Bergstrom Field, TX, 17 Sep 1945-7 Sep 1946  
Hamilton AFB, CA, 27 Jun 1949-2 Apr 1951  
Hamilton AFB, CA, 13 Jun 1952  
Hill AFB, UT, 14 Oct 1955  
Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 16 Nov 1957  
McChord AFB, WA, 25 Jul 1968

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

349 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Nov 1943-7 Sep 1946  
349 Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-2 Apr 1951  
349 Fighter-Bomber (later, 349 Troop Carrier) Group, 13 Jun 1952  
349 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1955  
939 Troop Carrier (later, 939 Tactical Airlift; 939 Military Airlift) Group, 11 Feb 1963  
446 Military Airlift (later, 446 Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1973  
446 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

C-53, 1943-1944  
C-47, 1944, 1945-1946  
C-46, 1944-1946  
C-46, 1949-1951  
T-7, 1949-1951  
T-11, 1949-1951  
T-6, 1952-1954  
F-51, 1952-1954  
T-33, 1953-1956  
F-80, 1954-1956  
F-84, 1956-1957  
C-46, 1957-1958  
C-119, 1958-1968  
C-141, 1968  
C-17A

### **COMMANDERS**

1Lt Mathieu T. Slater, 1 Dec 1943  
Cpt William H. Corwin, 4 Dec 1943-1945  
Unkn, Oct 1945-7 Sep 1946  
Unkn, 27 Jun 1949-2 Apr 1951

Unkn, 13 Jun 1952-1955  
Lt Col Henry L. Knoll, by Jun 1955  
Lt Col Benton M. Clay, by Dec 1955  
Lt Col Gilbert G. Tipton, by Dec 1957  
Col Vernon E. Acker, by Jun 1959  
Lt Col Leonard E. Ranton, by Jun 1963  
Lt Col Herbert F. Mellor, by Dec 1963  
Lt Col Edmund G. Hepner, 18 Oct 1970  
Lt Col Donald G. Turner, by Sep 1971  
Lt Col Howard H. Bauer, by 1 Jul 1973  
Lt Col Lawrence D. Luedke, by Jun 1975  
Lt Col Nile E. Woltman, 15 Oct 1975  
Lt Col Lawrence D. Luedke, by Dec 1977  
Lt Col Theodore M. Tochtermann, 14 Dec 1981  
Lt Col Ronald P. Huffman, 5 Jul 1983  
Lt Col George H. Suter, 4 Feb 1985  
Lt Col Robert A. Stewart, 1 May 1986  
Lt Col William E. Thomlinson, 18 Nov 1989  
Lt Col Charles P. Little, 17 Aug 1992  
Lt Col Bruce K. McRae, 16 Oct 1993  
Lt Col Roger S. Parsons, 30 Jun 1997  
Lt Col Eric Newhouse, 1 Jan 2006  
Lt Col Richard O. Grayson, May 2008  
Lt Col Tony Angello, Oct 2011  
Lt Col Jason N. Allen

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater  
EAME Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

Southwest Asia  
Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
23 Dec 1964-22 Jan 1965

1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970  
1 Jul 1973-30 Jun 1974  
1 Sep 1982-31 Aug 1984  
1 Aug 1990-31 Jul 1992

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
25 Jul 1969-28 Jan 1973

## EMBLEM



313 Military Airlift Wing emblem: On a light blue disc in front of a black mountain with a white snow cap a blue demi globe outlined and gridlined yellow issuant from base overall a horizontal arced flight symbol above a white parachute supporting a white triangle all within a narrow yellow border. Attached below the disc a blank blue scroll edged yellow. Significance Blue and yellow, are the official Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow represents the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The mountain portrays the rugged, majestic mountains with which squadron personnel are familiar from daily flying. The globe represents the worldwide mission of the squadron. The parachute depicts the airlift and airdrop nature of the squadron's history. The flight symbol with two trails symbolizes the merger of the Reserve Associate Unit with the Active Duty Unit into a single total force. (Approved, 28 May 1984)



On a disc Celeste, in front of a mountain Sable with a snow cap Argent a demi-globe Azure outlined and gridlined Or, issuant from base overall a horizontal arced flight symbol Gules above a parachute of the third supporting a triangle of the same, all within a narrow border Or. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "313 AIRLIFT SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE.** Ultramarine Blue and Air Force 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 mountain portrays the rugged, majestic mountains with which unit personnel are familiar from daily flying. The globe represents the worldwide mission of the Squadron. The parachute depicts the airlift and airdrop nature of the unit history. The flight symbol with two trails symbolizes the merger of the Reserve Associate Unit with the Active Duty Unit into a single total force. (Approved, 28 Nov

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## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Aerial transportation in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) during World War II.

Trained in the Reserve for troop carrier operations, 1949-1951, and for fighter-bomber missions, 1952-1957.

Returned to Reserve troop carrier operations in 1957.

Active duty during Cuban Missile Crisis, Oct-Nov 1962.

Since 1968, has trained for and flown strategic airlift missions, including special assignment, channel, and humanitarian airlift missions.

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### Sources

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