

316 WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

316 Troop Carrier Wing, established, 29 Jul 1947

Organized, 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued, 25 Aug 1948

Redesignated 316 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium and activated, 23 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 20 Oct 1949

Redesignated 316 Troop Carrier Wing, Assault and activated, 15 Nov 1965

Organized, 25 Nov 1965

Redesignated 316 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Mar 1966

Redesignated 316 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 May 1967

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1975

1776 Air Base Wing activated, 15 Dec 1980

Inactivated, 12 Jul 1991

316 Tactical Airlift Wing and 1776 Air Base Wing consolidated, 21 Jun 2006. Consolidated unit designated 316 Wing.

Activated, 22 Jun 2006

Inactivated, 1 Oct 2010

STATIONS

Greenville AAB (later, AFB), SC, 15 Aug 1947-25 Aug 1948

Greenville AFB, SC, 23 Aug 1948-20 Oct 1949
Langley AFB, VA, 25 Nov 1965-1 Oct 1975
Andrews AFB, MD, 15 Dec 1980-12 Jul 1991
Andrews AFB, MD, 22 Jun 2006-1 Oct 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947-25 Aug 1948
Ninth Air Force, 23 Aug 1948
Fourteenth Air Force, 1 Feb-20 Oct 1949
Tactical Air Command, 15 Nov 1965
840 Air Division, 25 Nov 1965
Ninth Air Force, 24 Dec 1969
839 Air Division, 31 Mar 1970
Twenty-First Air Force, 31 Dec 1974-1 Oct 1975
76 Airlift Division, 15 Dec 1980
Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Oct 1985-12 Jul 1991
Air Force District of Washington, 22 Jun 2006-1 Oct 2010

ATTACHMENTS

Operating Location A, Headquarters Twenty-First Air Force, 31 Dec 1974-30 Jun 1975

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1947-1948
C-82, 1947-1948
CG-15 (glider), 1947-1948
C-47, 1948-1949
C-82, 1948-1949
CG-15 (glider), 1948-1949
C-130, 1966-1975
UH-1, 2006

COMMANDERS

Col Paul H. Prentiss, 15 Aug 1947-25 Aug 1948
Col Paul H. Prentiss, 23 Aug 1948
Col Newton Longfellow, 11 Dec 1948
Col Louis M. Merrick, 26 Jun-20 Oct 1949
None (not manned), 15-24 Nov 1965
Col Raymond C. Bird, 25 Nov 1965
Col Clifford Nash, 25 Feb 1966
Col Raymond C. Bird, 10 Mar 1966
Col Thomas A. Twomey, 11 Apr 1966
Col Clifford Nash, 5 May 1966
Brig Gen Malcolm P. Hooker, 1 Aug 1968
Col Theodore P. Crichton, 23 Jul 1971

Col Patrick G. Long, 1 Mar 1973
Col Allan K. Andreason, 15 Feb 1974
Col Ivan D. Brown, 30 Jul-1 Oct 1975
Col Robert D. Christensen, 15 Dec 1980
Col William A. Murphy, 22 Jul 1981
Col Charles Z. Ridgway, Jr., 1 Sep 1982
Col Wesley W. Bean, Jr., 5 Mar 1985
Col William R. Phillips, 3 Jun 1987
Col Richard R. Heinzman, 12 Jun 1989-12 Jul 1991
Col Paul R. Ackerley, 22 Jun 2006
Col Steven M. Shepro, 28 Aug 2008
Col Kenneth R. Rizer, 21 May-30 Sep 2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 May 1967-30 Apr 1969
1 May 1970-30 Apr 1972
1 May 1972-30 Apr 1974
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 316 Operations Group prior to 29 Jul 1947

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Egypt-Libya
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Central Europe

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943

Sicily, 11 Jul 1943

France, [6-7] Jun 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

EMBLEM

316 Troop Carrier Wing: Azure, nine parachutes argent, three, two, three, and one, all within a bordure per bend or and gules. (Approved for 316 Group on 17 Aug 1951 and for 316 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Dec 1965)

316 Wing: Azure, a stylized Capitol Dome in chief Argent, and a stylized griffin segreant in base Or, within a bordure per bend of the third and Gules, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "316 WING" in Blue 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 Capitol Dome represents the Wing's mission as protectors of the National Capitol Region. The griffin represents the death defying vigilance and bravery of the unit's Airmen as well as their role as defenders of both the sky and land, as the griffin in heraldry has properties of both the eagle (master of the sky) and the lion (king of the land). Approved 15 Sep 2006.

MOTTO

VALOR WITHOUT ARMS

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Participated in joint airborne training, glider training, exercises and maneuvers, and ferried freight in the United States and overseas, 1947-1948, and again in 1948-1949.

Participated in worldwide tactical airlift operations, humanitarian missions, and special exercises and maneuvers, including joint airborne training, 1966-1975.

Conducted C-130 replacement training, Jan 1966-Nov 1967, and C-130 maintenance training, Feb-Dec 1966.

In 1973, participated in repatriation of South Vietnamese and American prisoners of war from North Vietnam.

From 1980-1991, 1776 Air Base Wing (ABW), as host wing, operated, administered and maintained Andrews AFB, MD. 316 Wing, as host wing, operated, administered and maintained Andrews AFB, MD, 2006-2010. Supported official capital area helicopter airlift, 2006-2010.

The Air Force last week shifted its historic 11th Wing from Bolling AFB, D.C., to JB Andrews, Md. The unit assumes the duties of Andrews' 316 Wing, including Presidential support. On 1 Oct, Andrews officials inactivated the 316 Wing and activated the 11th Wing. The 11th Wing's transfer occurred as part of the BRAC 2005-mandated merger of Bolling with Anacostia Naval Station, creating JB Anacostia-Bolling, D.C. Completed on 30 Sep, this merger put the Navy in charge of the base's operations, including security and law enforcement. Rather than retire the 11th Wing's colors, the Air Force moved it to Andrews. The 11th Wing began in 1933 as the 11th Observation Group, and based at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Monday October 04, 2010

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