

436 OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

436 Troop Carrier Group established, 23 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1945
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Mar 1947
Redesignated 436 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 27 Jun 1949
Inactivated, 16 Apr 1951
Activated, 18 May 1955
Inactivated, 15 May 1958
Redesignated 436 Military Airlift Group, 31 Jul 1985
Redesignated 436 Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991
Activated, 1 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Baer Field, IN, 1 Apr 1943
Alliance AAB, NE, 2 May 1943
Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 5 Aug 1943
Baer Field, IN, 16-28 Dec 1943
Bottesford, England, 30 Jan 1944
Membury Camp, England, 3 Mar 1944-18 Feb 1945
Villaroche, France, 21 Feb-15 Jul 1945
Baer Field, IN, 15 Aug 1945
Malden AAFld, MO, 8 Sep-15 Nov 1945

Godman Field (later, Godman AFB), KY, 15 Mar 1947
Standiford Muni Aprt (later, Standiford Field), KY, 20 Oct 1950-16 Apr 1951
New York NAS (later, USNAS, New York), 18 May 1955-15 May 1958
Dover AFB, DE, 1 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

50 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Apr 1943
53 Troop Carrier Wing, 15 Apr 1943
61 Troop Carrier Wing, 19 Jul 1943
50 Troop Carrier Wing, 2 Aug 1943
60 Troop Carrier Wing, 13 Aug 1943
50 Troop Carrier Wing, Jan 1944
53 Troop Carrier Wing, 3 Mar 1944
Continental Air Forces, Aug-15 Nov 1945
Eleventh Air Force, 15 Mar 1947
323 Troop Carrier Wing (later, 323 Air Division, Troop Carrier), 17 Oct 1947
69 Air Division, Troop Carrier, 1 Jul 1948
436 Troop Carrier Wing, 27 Jun 1949-16 Apr 1951
436 Troop Carrier Wing, 18 May 1955-15 May 1958
436 Airlift Wing, 1 Dec 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943-1945
C-45, 1949
T-7, 1949-1951
T-11, 1949-1951
C-47, 1949-1951
T-28, 1955
T-33, 1955
C-45, 1955-1957
C-46, 1955-1957
C-119, 1957
C-5, 1991
C-17, 2008

COMMANDERS

Col Adriel N. Williams, 1 Apr 1943-1 Oct 1945
Unkn, 1 Oct-15 Nov 1945
Unkn, 15 Mar 1947-16 Apr 1951
Unkn, 18 May 1955-15 May 1958
Col Jon A. Hawley, 1 Dec 1991
Col Richard B. Bundy, 6 Jul 1992
Col Timothy J. Kauffman, 11 Jun 1993
Col Felix M. Grieder, 5 Jul 1995

Col Michael L. Sevier, 15 Jul 1997
Col Erwin F. Lessell III, 17 Jul 1998
Col Mark S. Solo, 14 Jan 2000
Col Kenneth R. Carson, 5 Oct 2001
Col Michael R. Helms, 1 Oct 2002
Col John E. Ball, 30 Jan 2003
Col Leonard G. Heavner, 15 Jun 2004
Col Merrill J. Alligood Jr., 27 Feb 2006
Col David B. Horton 21 Mar 2008
Col David E. Hafer 25 Mar 2010
Col David E. Pollmiller 25 Jul 2011
Col Christopher R. Colbert, Jul 2013
Col William D. Hall, 9 Jul 2015
Col Robert L. Nance, 21 Jul 2017
Col Michael Peeler, Jul 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater
Global War on Terrorism Service

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Southern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France [6-7] Jun 1944

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jan 2012 – 31 Dec 2012

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Aug 1992-31 Jul 1994
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005
1 Sep 2007-31 Aug 2009
1 Jan 2010-31 Dec 2010
1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2011
1 Jan 2013 – 30 Sep 2014
1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2017
1 Oct 2017 – 30 Sep 2019
1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020

EMBLEM



Gules, a sphere azure with longitude and latitude lines argent; the sphere issuing from four lightning bolts radiating upward from base of the last; a parachute, in pale, between the four bolts, two and two, argent, gores outlined of the second, all superimposed over the sphere; over all in chief an antique crown or, winged argent. (Approved, 20 Jun 1957)

On a shield or bordered argent (silver), an American bald eagle volant, azure, highlighted bluebird, his wings superimposed over the border, airlifting with his talons a sphere of the second, fimbriated, longitude, latitude lines, grappling iron attached to upper area of sphere, all of the fourth. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The principal colors of our emblem, blue, golden yellow and white, relate to the Military Airlift Command and USAF emblem colors. The white and blue symbolize the sky and clouds, the theater where our airlift mission is performed. The American bald eagle, our National bird, carrying the globe with his talons, symbolically indicates our global airlift support. Of the noble virtues, blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice; white, the heraldic representation of silver, is for purity; and yellow, the heraldic representation of gold, is for knowledge and enlightenment. (Approved 14 July 1966)

MOTTO

PARATI, VOLENTES, POTENTES—Ready, Willing and Able
ROBUSTUM AUXILIUM- Powerful Support

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained for duty in Europe with the Ninth Air Force. Continued training in England, Jan-May 1944. Began combat operations in Jun 1944 and participated in four major airborne operations by May 1945. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for its first missions, which were flown during the Normandy invasion; dropped paratroops of 82d Airborne Division over the beachhead early on 6 Jun; released gliders with reinforcement of troops and supplies on the afternoon of D-Day and on the following morning; later picked up undamaged gliders on the coast.

In Jul 1944, deployed 49 aircraft and crews to Italy to take part in the invasion of Southern France; released gliders carrying troops and dropped paratroops in the assault area on 15 Aug; flew several resupply missions to France and then dropped supplies to Allied forces in Italy. The deployed element returned to England late in Aug, and in Sep the group carried out airborne operations over Holland, dropping paratroops of 101st Airborne Division and releasing gliders with reinforcements of troops and equipment. Towed gliders to Wesel on 24 Mar 1945 to provide troops for the airborne assault across the Rhine; carried gasoline to the front lines and evacuated patients, 30-31 Mar. Flew transport missions almost daily when not engaged in airborne operations; hauled such things as gasoline, ammunitions, medical supplies, rations, and clothing; evacuated the wounded to hospitals in England and France, After V-E Day, evacuated patients and prisoners of war, and flew practice missions with French paratroops.

Trained primarily with C-47s in the Reserves Jun 1949-Apr 1951. Trained again in the Reserves, 1955-1958.

In 1991, began flying worldwide airlift, including mail and other high priority cargo, aeromedical evacuation, personnel transport, and humanitarian and diplomatic missions. Served as the only combat-ready C-5 unit capable of airdrop and special operations procedures in support of tactical forces and national objectives.

Provided special mortuary airlift missions from Iraq and Afghanistan 2001 to present.

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