

## 512 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

The 512 Mission Support Group provides fiscal and personnel guidance and oversight to ensure its units are manned, trained and equipped to meet their wartime taskings. The group manages the most diverse collection of specialties in the wing and also manages the wing's construction budget with projects averaging \$10 million annually. The MSG commander is often compared to a city mayor, responsible for the infrastructure, security, logistics, human resources and community service roles of the wing.

### LINEAGE

512 Air Base Group established, 4 Aug 1949  
Activated in the Reserve, 2 Sep 1949  
Ordered to Active Service, 15 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1951  
Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952  
Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962  
Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962  
Discontinued, and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Mar 1986  
Redesignated 512 Combat Support Group, 1 Apr 1990  
Redesignated 512 Support Group, 1 Feb 1992  
Redesignated 512 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

### STATIONS

Reading Muni Aprt, PA, 2 Sep 1949  
New Castle County Aprt, DE, 1 May 1950-1 Apr 1951  
New Castle County Aprt, DE, 14 Jun 1952  
US NAS, Willow Grove, PA, 20 Jul 1958-11 Feb 1963

Dover AFB, DE, 1 Mar 1986

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

512 Troop Carrier Wing, 2 Sep 1949-1 Apr 1951  
512 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Jun 1952-11 Feb 1963  
512 Military Airlift (later, 512 Airlift) Wing, 1 Mar 1986

### **COMMANDERS**

Col William D. Stephens  
Col Gretchen M. Wiltse  
Col Arthur J. Rodi  
Col E. Hebert  
Col Steven H. Slick, Jan 1998  
Lt Col Ryan M. Robin, May 2019

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award  
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jan 1988-30 Jun 1989  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Sep 1996-31 Aug 1998  
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004  
1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

### **EMBLEM**



512 Air Base Group emblem: Azure, a flight symbol quartered gules and or in dexter chief surmounted by the top portion of a scroll of paper argent detailed sable enwrapping the blade of a sword argent (silver gray) handle gules. In base overall a quill or detailed sable bend sinisterwise; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Blue and 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 scroll and quill reflect the Group's mission of providing "people" services such as pay, personnel, mail, training, records keeping, and base functions such as communications and housing. The aircraft denotes the Group's support of the Air Force mission. The sword is indicative of combat readiness. (Approved 24 Mar 1988)



512 Mission Support Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

Per bend sinister Celeste and Azure, a sphere with axis bendwise sinister Argent, gridlined Sable surmounted by a beveled flight symbol ascending bendwise quartered Gules and Or, trailing an orbital ring enveloping the sphere, all between three mullets, one in dexter chief, one in sinister flank, and one in base; all within a diminished bordure of the last. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP" 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 two shades of blue symbolize night and day, indicating the Wing's constant preparedness, providing augmentation in the form of aircrews, maintenance, and aerial port operations to active military airlift wings. The flight symbol represents the association between active duty and reserve forces. The flight symbol with contrail around the globe describes the speed of deployment of the unit's airlift capability. The three stars are also indicative of unit capability. (Approved, 8 Dec 2022)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

On 1 Sep 1949, the military facilities at the airport were assigned to Continental Air Command and the Air Force Reserve 512th Air Base Group became the host unit, remaining so until 31 January 1951 when it was reassigned to Reading Municipal Airport, PA.

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### Sources

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