LINEAGE
608th Military Airlift Group established, 1 Jul 1983
Activated, 1 Aug 1983

STATIONS
Ramstein AB, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS
Col Leonard J. Augustine, 1 Aug 83
Col Vernon L. Pellman, Jr., 19 May 86
Col James M. Murphy, 20 May 89

HONORS
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations
EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

608th Airlift Group

USAFE Ramstein AB, Germany: C-12F, C-20A, C-21A, C-135B, UH-1N, CT-43A 58th Airlift Squadron

The group was organized during the early 1980s to replace the 435th TAW as the controlling unit for the 58th MAS. The unit was tasked with conducting VIP and communications duties within USAFE, employing a variety of aircraft types. A 58th MAS C-20A was assigned to General Norman Schwarzkopf for operations within the Middle East during Desert Storm.

The 608th Military Airlift Group is an inactive United States Air Force unit. Its last was assigned to the 86th Wing, stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. It was inactivated on 1 June 1992.

Initially activated during the Vietnam War at Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam in 1966. Managed the aerial port facilities at Cam Ranh from the opening of the facilities in 1966 until the closure and withdrawal of the USAF in 1972.


It supported Special Air Transportation of HQ USAFE executives with a fleet of light transports, and also serviced transient C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter transports at Ramstein, loading/unloading cargo and also United States Army in Europe (USAREUR) forces receiving airlifted equipment for USAREUR units in Germany.

Beginning on 9 November 1983, the group controlled the 10th Military Airlift Squadron at Zweibrücken Air Base which operated C-23 Sherpa transports in support of USAFE’s European Distribution System (EDS). The EDS was organized to give the units in Europe a quicker way to receive small equipment items or supplies on a round-the-clock basis, without the expense of the larger cargo aircraft.

It was inactivated with the inactivation of MAC and the re-designation of the 86th Wing at Ramstein to the 86th Airlift Wing, and USAFE taking over the MAC mission at Ramstein.

[edit] Lineage
Established as 608th Military Airlift Support Squadron 1 October 1966
Activated on 15 October 1966 Inactivated on 31 May 1972. Reactivated on 1 July 1977
Re-designated 608th Military Airlift Group on 1 August 1983 Inactivated on 1 June 1992

[edit] Assignments
483d Troop Carrier Wing, 15 October 1966
Re-designated 483d Tactical Airlift Wing on 1 August 1967 Re-designated 483d Composite Wing, 1 January 1971-31 May 1972 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 July 1977
322d Airlift Division, 23 June 1978
86th Wing, 1 April-1 June 1992

[edit] Stations
Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 15 October 1966 – 31 May 1972
Ramstein AB, West Germany (later Germany), 1 July 1977- 1June 1992

[edit] Aircraft
C-12F, 1977–1992
C-21, 1977–1992
C-20, 1977–1992
C-23A, 1977–1992

The 625th Military Airlift Support Squadron was
Activated on 8 January 1966 at Torrejon Ab, Spain. It was an overseas
Unit of the Military Airlift Command that was assigned to the 322d
Airlift division located at Ramstein AB, Germany.

On 24 December 1968, control over the 625th MASS was
Transferred from the 322d ALD to the 435th Military Airlift Support
Wing, which was later renamed the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing at
Rhein-Main Ab, Germany.

Ten years later, in 1978, the 625th MASS was reassigned back to
The 322d ALD.

On 1 aug 1983, the 625th mass was deactivated and two new
Squadrons were formed -- the 625th Consolidated Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron and The 625th Aerial Port Squadron. These two new squadrons combined
with the airlift
Coordination center and the forward supply location to form the
New 625th Military Airlift Support Group (masg).

With the deactivation of the 322d ALD on 1 April 1992, the 625th
MASG began reporting directly to 21st Air Force at Mcguire AFB, NJ.

Effective 1 JUne 1992, with the activation of air mobility
Command and the reorganization of the overseas en route support
Structure, the 625th MASG and its two squadrons -- the 625th cams and
625th APS were deactivated. In its place, the 625th Airlift Support
Squadron was activated at Torrejon AB, Spain. At that time,
The 625th ALSS began reporting to the 608th Airlift Support Group At Ramstein AB, Germany.

On 1 April 1994, the 625th ALSS was deactivated at Torrejon AB, Spain and the 625th Air Mobility Support Squadron was Activated at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

On 1 July 94, the 608th ALSG changed their name to the 621st Air Mobility Support Group -- the current higher headquarters For the 625th AMSS.

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