

913 AIRLIFT GROUP



MISSION

The 913 Airlift Group mission is to provide combat-ready Airmen, tactical airlift and agile combat support. The 913 Airlift Group provides combat airlift through the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. The six squadrons and group staff comprise nearly 400 people.

There are 20 different Officer Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC) and 53 different Enlisted AFSCs within the Group. Approximately 20 percent of the 913 Airlift Group work force is comprised of full-time personnel. These full-time personnel are either U.S. civil service civilians or Air Reserve Technicians (ARTs). ARTs maintain dual status as a Traditional Reservists (TR) and civil service employees. The majority, 80 percent, of the Group's personnel are TRs. These members are vital to the mission and at a minimum perform duty one weekend each month and two weeks during the year.

LINEAGE

913 Troop Carrier Group, Medium established and activated, 15 Jan 1963
Organized in the Reserve, 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 913 Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Jul 1967
Redesignated 913 Airlift Group, 1 Feb 1992
Redesignated 913 Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1994
Inactivated, 1 Oct 2007
Redesignated 913 Airlift Group
Activated, 13 July 2014

STATIONS

Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility (later, Station), PA, 11 Feb 1963
Little Rock AFB, AR, 13 Jul 2014

ASSIGNMENTS

Continental Air Command, 15 Jan 1963
512 Troop Carrier Wing, 11 Feb 1963
302 Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Jan 1965
514 Troop Carrier (later, 514 Tactical Airlift
514 Military Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1966
302 Special Operations Wing, 17 Sep 1970
403 Composite (later, 403 Tactical Airlift) Wing, 21 Apr 1971
459 Tactical Airlift (later, 459 Airlift) Wing, 8 Jan 1976
403 Airlift Wing (later, 403 Wing), 1 Aug 1992
Tenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994
Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1997
Twenty-Second Air Force, 13 Jul 2014

ATTACHMENTS

302 Special Operations Wing, 1 Jul-16 Sep 1970
403 Composite Wing, 1-20 Apr 1971

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-119, 1963-1969, 1970-1971
C-130, 1970
C-130, 2016

COMMANDERS

Col Charles E. Lewis, 11 Feb 1963
Lt Col Vernon R. Smith, by 1964
Col Reginald L. Anderson, Jan 1965
Col Richard J. Boyle, 25 Sep 1967
Lt Col Theodore G. Behling, 6 Oct 1968
Col James R. Morrow, 5 Aug 1969
Col Theodore G. Behling, 29 May 1970
Lt Col Edward W. Vogler, 27 Aug 1975
Lt Col Angelo C. Natale (interim), Feb 1979
Col Eugene C. Galley, 26 Mar 1979
Col Frederick D. Walker, 1 Jun 1981
Col Joe L. Campbell, 29 May 1983
Lt Col William J. Quinn (interim), 2 Sep 1984
Col Michael J. Quarnaccio, 12 Oct 1984
Lt Col James P. Czekanski, 2 Aug 1987
Col Scott R. Nichols, 31 Jul 1989
Col Richard R. Moss, 8 Sep 1992

Col Reinhard Schmidt Aug 2006-Apr 2007
Col Christopher Lacouture
Col Steven J. Chapman

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Nov 1978-31 Oct 1980

27 Aug 1992-26 Aug 1994

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

26 Oct-6 Nov 1972.

EMBLEM





Per chevron enhanced or and gules between four arrows palewise azure and argent a keystone of the third charged with a bird volant fesswise above the Liberty Bell, all argent, the lower portion of the bell extending below the keystone, in chief a lightning flash bendwise of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the first. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the Group and the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow, as well as the National colors, are used in the design. The color blue alludes to the sky, primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The Liberty Bell and surrounding Keystone allude to Pennsylvania, the historic location of the unit. The bird indicates the unit's flying ability and the arrows the force delivered by the Group to repel aggression. The lightning bolt denotes rapidity of response to any call. (Approved, 2 Sep 1970)



Per fess Or and Gules, between an arrow fesswise shaft and head counterchanged, fletching Argent, detailed Silver Gray, in chief a falcon volant of the third, eyed and shadowed of the fourth, wings inverted, in base the Liberty Bell Azure, highlighted of the third, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "OMNES PROSPERANT" 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 falcon represents the flying nature of the unit mission. The arrow conveys the

Group's squadrons, the duality of their operational and supporting roles and their speed in being able to respond quickly to crises. The Liberty Bell portrays the freedom we are sworn to protect. The unit motto, "Omnes Prosperant," translates to "All Prosper" and exemplifies the common goal of the Group and its members. (Approved, 22 Dec 2015)

MOTTO

OMNES PROSPERANT--All Prosper

OPERATIONS

Performed air transportation for airborne forces, airdrops, airlandings, and extraction delivery of equipment and supplies, as well as airlift of personnel and cargo, 1963-. Trained Vietnamese Air Force C-119 aircrews in 1967 and ferried aircraft to Southeast Asia in Mar 1968 and to Taiwan in Jan 1969. Beginning in 1977, participated in "rotation" operations in the Canal Zone flying airlift in support of Southern Command. In addition, performed humanitarian airlift and supported contingency operations worldwide, including operations in Southwest Asia and the Balkans.

Air Force Reserve Command officials briefed congressional leaders Jan. 3 about plans to inactivate the command's 913 Airlift Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, Pa. The deactivation process will result in personnel authorizations being removed as of Oct. 1, 2007. The Air Force proposal is to close the tactical airlift unit at Willow Grove as part of the president's defense budget for 2008, which is scheduled for full release this month. The most recent Base Realignment and Closure Commission directed that NAS JRB Willow Grove be closed but did not specifically address the Air Force Reserve wing, which flies C-130 cargo aircraft. Typically, the Air Force would not disclose any future year's budget information until the February announcement.

The service provided this advance notice to allow people at the unit a better chance to find new jobs in the Air Force Reserve. The proposed plan is designed to accommodate Presidential Budget Directive 720 reductions and re-direct some of the unit's personnel authorizations elsewhere in the command. If the Air Force plan is approved by Congress, Reservists and civilians assigned to the 913 AW will be eligible for positions at other Air Force Reserve Command units. If the budget actions are approved, the Air Force's goal is to employ the Willow Grove people at other C-130 units as quickly as possible. The Air Force's primary focus is to place as many of the cargo experts as possible at the new C-130 airlift wing at Pope Army Airfield, N.C. 2007

Air Force Reserve Command's 913 Airlift Group flew its final C-130H sortie before converting to the new C-130J at Little Rock AFB, Ark., late last month, officials announced. The 913 AG integrated with Little Rock's Active Duty 50th Airlift Squadron providing conversion training on the legacy C-130, and more recently the C-130J. "We've been balancing both, but now, we transition to the J," 913 Operations Support Squadron operations officer Lt. Col. Keith Jasmin said in a release. With the divestiture of its 14 C-130Hs, the Reserve unit will transition from an active associate unit to a classic association, co-manning the Active Duty C-130Js. The 913 AG will be the first classic associate C-130J unit, according to the release. Reserve aircrew and

maintainers will undergo training on the Super Hercules, and complete conversion to the new aircraft by September. The final C-130H training sortie from Little Rock departed on Jan. 28, 2016



The 913th AW supports the war effort with the transfer of two C-130 aircraft to the new Iraqi Air Force (circa summer 2006) Serial Number 62-1839 and 63-7826

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