

32 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

932 Aerial Port Flight constituted and activated, 28 Jan 1964
Organized in the Reserve, 15 Feb 1964
Inactivated, 25 Jul 1969
Redesignated 32 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 5 Jun 1984
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1984
Redesignated 32 Aerial Port Squadron, 15 Dec 1993

STATIONS

Scott AFB, IL, 15 Feb 1964-25 Jul 1969
Greater Pittsburgh IAP (later, Greater Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station; Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station), PA, 1 Oct 1984

ASSIGNMENTS

932 Troop Carrier (later, 932 Military Airlift) Group, 15 Feb 1964-25 Jul 1969
911 Tactical Airlift (later, 911 Airlift) Group, 1 Oct 1984
911 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992
911 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Reginald Trujillo, Jr., 1 Mar 2016
Maj Erik Hofmeyer, 3 Oct 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1987-31 Jul 1989

15 Sep 1990-14 Sep 1992

16 Sep 2006-15 Sep 2008

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, upon a demi-sphere issuant from base of the first, gridlined and edged Or, a castle triple towered Sable port of the second, edged Argent (Silver Gray), the center tower higher, each tower bearing arrow slits embowed, Gules, Argent and of the first, in chief a deployed parachute of the fourth, detailed of the first, shading of the third, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "CHAINS OF STEEL" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "32D AERIAL PORT SQ" in Black 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 cargo parachute represents the unit's aerial delivery mission and air cargo heritage of riggers when delivering training loads. The castle signifies strength, vigilance and fortitude; its left arrow slit, eagerness to serve; its middle arrow slit, wisdom and the labor of the loaders for cargo or personnel; and the right arrow slit signifies the steadfast loyalty before deployments, its yellow door alluding to excellence and enlightenment of Squadron personnel. The demi-globe in base symbolizes the unit's global mobility mission and efficient conduct when ready to deploy worldwide in aerial port operations. (Approved, 27 Sep 2017)

The 32 Aerial Port Squadron emblem consists of three distinctive elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the squadron. The emblem consists of a castle, built upon a globe, with an opened cargo parachute above, emblazoned upon an Air Force blue background. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The Air Force blue field represents the sky, day or night, rain or shine, that 32 APS personnel work under while conducting aerial port operations. The cargo parachute represents the aerial delivery mission of the 32 APS and is historically a common element of aerial port squadrons. It represents our heritage of having aerial delivery (rigger) qualified personnel to pack parachutes and build aerial delivery training loads to keep our aircrews airdrop qualified. The castle represents the 32 APS' strength, vigilance and fortitude, whether at home station or downrange conducting aerial port operations. The three castle towers represent the three key areas of aerial port: first tower (bearer's right) – Air Terminal Services (cargo, ramp, load planning), the center tower - Air Terminal Operations Center (command and control) and the third tower (bearer's left) represents Passenger Service (pax). The colors of the arrow slits represent the following: Red – eagerness to serve our country and the blood that has been shed by aerial porters conducting aerial port operations in combat environments, White – wisdom and the sweat on the backs and brows of aerial porters pushing pallets, driving all terrain forklifts and k-loaders and loading passengers, and Blue – steadfastness and loyalty as well as the tears of aerial porters and their family members, saying good-bye to each other before deployments. The yellow door on the castle represents the positive, can do attitude of the 32 APS personnel. The globe represents the global mobility mission of 32 APS. We are tasked to be ready to deploy, any time, any place, around the world to conduct aerial port operations.

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Sources

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