

55 AIRLIFT FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

55 Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 12 Nov 1942
Activated, 18 Nov 1942
Inactivated, 25 Mar 1946
Activated in the reserve, 9 Aug 1947
Redesignated 55 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 15 Oct 1950
Relieved from active duty, 3 Jul 1952
Inactivated, 14 Jul 1952
Activated in the reserve, 14 Jul 1952
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957
Redesignated 55 Airlift Flight and activated, 1 Jul 1992

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 18 Nov 1942
Sedalia AAFld, MO, 24 Jan 1943
Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, NC, 6 May 1943
Baer Field, IN, 2-17 Jun 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 15 Jul 1943
Dobodura, New Guinea, 19 Aug 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 22 Dec 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 22 Apr 1944
Biak, 1 Oct 1944

San Marcellino, Luzon, 19 Feb 1945
Porac, Luzon, 16 May 1945
Okinawa, 25 Aug 1945
Tachikawa, Japan, 20 Sep 1945-25 Mar 1946
Reading AAFld, PA, 9 Aug 1947
North East Aprt, Philadelphia, PA, 22 Oct 1947
Greater Pittsburgh Arpt, PA, 27 Jun 1949
Greenville AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950-14 Jul 1952
Pittsburgh, PA, 14 Jul 1952-16 Nov 1957
Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Jul 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

375 Troop Carrier Group, 18 Nov 1942-25 Mar 1946
375 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Aug 1947-14 Jul 1952
375 Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jul 1952-16 Nov 1957
51 Operations Group, 1 Jul 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1942-1945
B-17, 1944
C-46, 1944-1946
C-82, 1950-1952
C-82A
Unkn, 1953-1957
C-12, 1992

COMMANDERS

Capt Joseph A. Anderson, 18 Nov 1942
Capt Harold E. Tillman, 6 Mar 1943
Capt Richard C. Davis, 22 Mar 1943
Maj Harvey T. King Jr., 5 Nov 1943
Maj Victor S. Clay, 17 Nov 1944
Capt John G. Wyatt, 6 Jul 1945-unkn
Unkn, 9 Aug 1947-14 Oct 1950
Maj William O. Wilson, 15 Oct 1950
Maj Wesley C. Brashear, c. Jan-14 Jul 1952
Unkn, 14 Jul 1952-16 Nov 1957
Capt Michael T. Walsh, 1 Jul 1992
Maj Michael E. Jackson, 17 Sep 1992
Lt Col Robert J. Papka, 31 Aug 1993
Maj Charles B. Currens, 9 Aug 1995
Maj Jeffrey P. Miller, 7 Sep 1996
Maj Terry L. Jordan, 28 Aug 1997
Maj William L. Moore, 25 Aug 1998

Maj Kenneth L. Rodgers, 24 Aug 1999
Maj Richard F. Edwards, 3 Aug 2001
Maj Cheryl J. Beineke, 15 Aug 2003
Lt Col Kevin D. Brown, 29 Jul 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Japan

New Guinea

Northern Solomons

Bismarck Archipelago

Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Ryukyus

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1992-30 Sep 1994

1 Nov 1995-31 May 1997

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM

Approved, 3 Dec 1993

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OPERATIONS

Transported personnel and supplies to forward areas in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific during World War II. Participated in airborne assault on Nadzab, New Guinea, on 5 Sep 1943.

Served as part of the occupation force in Japan, 1945-1946. Allotted to the Reserve in 1947, but recalled to active duty during the Korean War for airlift support in US 1950-1952.

Released from active duty and returned to Pennsylvania where it trained as an airlift unit until Nov 1957.

Equipped with C-12s and assumed a role of ferrying VIP and Distinguished personnel throughout the Korea and the Pacific, 1992 to present.

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Sources

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