

64 AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

64 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium established, 3 Jul 1952

Activated, 14 Jul 1952

Inactivated, 21 Jul 1954

Activated, 24 Oct 1960

Organized, 8 Feb 1961

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1963

Redesignated 64 Troop Carrier Wing and activated, 7 Mar 1966

Organized, 1 Jul 1966

Redesignated 64 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 May 1967

Inactivated, 31 May 1971

Redesignated 64 Flying Training Wing, 14 Apr 1972

Activated, 1 Oct 1972

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1997

Redesignated 64 Air Expeditionary Wing, and converted to provisional status, 4 Dec 2001
and assigned to Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 4 Dec 2001

STATIONS

Donaldson AFB, SC, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954

Dyess AFB, TX, 8 Feb 1961– 1 Jan 1963

Sewart AFB, TN, 1 Jul 1966

Little Rock AFB, AR, 9 Mar 1970–31 May 1971

Reese AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighteenth Air Force, 14 Jul 1952–21 Jul 1954
Tactical Air Command, 24 Oct 1960
Ninth Air Force, 8 Feb 1961
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1962– 1 Jan 1963
Tactical Air Command, 7 Mar 1966
839 Air Division, 1 Jul 1966
Twelfth Air Force, 9 Mar 1970–31 May 1971
Air Training Command, 1 Oct 1972
Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993

ATTACHMENTS

63 Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy, 15 Oct 1953–1 Mar 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-82, 1952–195
L-20, 1952–1953
C-119, 1953, 1954
C-130, 1961– 1963
C-130, 1966–1971
T-41, 1972–1973
T-37, 1972
T-38, 1972
T-1, 1992

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen Franklin Rose, 14 Jul 1952
Brig Gen Glynne M. Jones, 1 Oct 1953 (additional duty)
Col Bob Arnold, 28 Feb 1954
Col William C. Bentley, 1 May–21 Jul 1954
None (not manned), 24 Oct 1960–7 Feb 1961
Col Donald F. Blake, 8 Feb 1961
Lt Col Raymond J. Berger, 14 Jul 1962
Col Burl W. McLaughlin, 19 Jul 1962–1 Jan 1963
None (not manned), 7 Mar– 30 Jun 1966
Col Jack W. Crawford, Jr., 1 Jul 1966
Col Robert D. Brown, 6 Jan 1967
Col Earle F. MacDonald, 20 Oct 1967
Col Leo A. Drake, Jr., 1 Aug 1968
Col Richard J. Gibney, 7 Jan 1970–31 May 1971
Col Walter H. Baxter III, 1 Oct 1972
Col Schuyler Bissell, 29 Jul 1974
Brig Gen Edward Mendel, 5 May 1975
Col Charles E. Bishop, 21 May 1977
Col Richard A. Ingram, 15 Feb 1979

Col Monte D. Montgomery, 7 Aug 1980
Col Richard E. Hearne, 9 Aug 1982
Col John R. Hullender, 28 Nov 1983
Col James W. McIntyre, 7 Aug 1985
Col Mark H. Lillard III, 9 Jul 1987
Col Monroe S. Sams, 20 Dec 1988
Col William C. Henny, 22 Jun 1990
Col David R. Love, 29 May 1992
Col Roger A. Brady, 20 Jul 1993
Col Randall C. Gelwix, 28 Jul 1995
Col Henry W. Horton, 8 Jan-30 Sep 1997

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Force Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
[1 Jul 1966]– 30 Jun 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1969–31 May 1971

30 Apr 1981–29 Apr 1983

1 Apr 1984–31 Mar 1986

1 Apr 1988–31 Mar 1990

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 64 Operations Group prior to 14 Jul 1952

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Algeria–French Morocco

Tunisia; Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Southern France

North Apennines;

Po Valley;
India-Burma

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
CBI Theater, 7 Apr–15 Jun 1944

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EMBLEM



Azure, a stylized eagle ascending bendwise with wings elevated, head, neck, wing tips, and tail feathers Argent, body, beak, wings, legs, claws and talons Or garnished Brown and Sable, grasping a lightning flash of the second, in dexter chief a mullet of five points of the like, all within a diminished bordure Or. (Approved, 20 Feb 1973; replaced emblems approved, 11 May 1962 and 4 Nov 1952)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Performed airlift and airdrop/airlanding of troops and cargo, routinely and during frequent maneuvers, 1952-1953.

Began phasing down for inactivation in mid-Oct 1953, at which time tactical operations passed to 63 Troop Carrier Wing.

In Feb 1954, began building up again in preparation for an overseas movement, but was inactivated instead. Activated at Dyess AFB, TX, in Feb 1961 with a troop carrier/airlift mission, plus resupply of Distant Early Warning sites on the Greenland ice cap. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1963.

Replaced Troop Carrier Wing Provisional, 4413, in Jul 1966 at Sewart AFB, TN. Provided global airlift and aeromedical evacuation, Jul 1966-May 1971.

Also provided C-130 combat crew training for other C-130 units, 1 Jul 1966-6 Mar 1970, with this being the wing's primary activity from 9 Aug 1968 to 6 Mar 1970. Replaced at Little Rock AFB, AR, in May 1971 by 314 Tactical Airlift Wing.

Replaced 3500 Pilot Training Wing in Oct 1972 and assumed mission of undergraduate pilot training and operation and maintenance of Reese AFB, TX. Supported Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment Program through operating locations at Minot AFB, ND, Ellsworth AFB, SD, and Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1976-1991. Began specialized undergraduate pilot training in Jul 1992, using T-1A to prepare students for airlift tanker/transport training and T-37/T-38s for students in fighter/bomber track. Graduated last class of undergraduate pilots in Jan 1997.

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