

## 94 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 94 Aerial Port Squadron trains in peacetime to achieve the wartime capability to provide cargo, passenger, mail, and patient handling services for all airlift aircraft serviced wherever the unit is assigned when it is mobilized.

### LINEAGE

94 Aerial Port Squadron constituted, 10 Feb 1975  
Activated on 1 Jul 1975  
Redesignated 94 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Dec 1975  
Redesignated 94 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Oct 1979

### STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA, 1 Jul 1975

### ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region. 1 Jul 1975  
94th Tactical Airlift Wing, 8 Oct 1976  
94 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992  
622 Regional Support Group, 1 Jan 1995

### COMMANDERS

Maj William P. Riley  
Maj Larry Goff  
Lt Col Brian Willis  
Lt Col Philip L. Jr. Martin  
Maj Daniel W. Brinks  
Lt Col William V. Hearnberg, 15 Oct 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1981-31 Dec 1982

1984-31 Jul 1985

Jan 1982 - Dec 1982

Apr 1986 - Mar 1987

Apr 1992 - Jul 1993

Aug 1999 - Aug 2001

### **EMBLEM**

On an ultramarine azure and argent disc, an American bald eagle with elevated wings is positioned at middle chief. The eagle is grasping a link chain in its talons. The chain is hoisting the globe, which is represented by an ultramarine azure demi-sphere with argent longitude and latitude lines. The globe is positioned at the base of the disc. Nine estoilles are placed at dexter on an ultramarine azure field. A single white estoile with a gules center is at chief. Four ultramarine azure estoilles are placed at sinister on a field of argent. An or thunderbolt flashes behind the eagle from sinister chief and extends to dexter base. The disc is bordered with or. Two argent scrolls are attached above and below the disc. The scrolls are also bordered with or. The scroll above is blank. The one below is lettered with sable and bears the unit's motto "we can handle it." **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow represents the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The bald eagle symbolizes flight, strength stamina and perseverance to achieve all the unit's objectives. The chain displays thirteen links which symbolize the thirteen original American colonies. The thunderbolt represents the unit's readiness and splits the disc to reflect the night and day mission capability. The array of stars reflect the historical association to the Fourteenth Air Force. The single star alludes to a proud heritage of the Army Air Corps. (Approved, 18 Jul 1991)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

The 94 Aerial Port Squadron was established on Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, on 10 February 1975. It became an activated unit on 1 July 1975. The unit went through several changes over the years, going from a Mobile Aerial Port on 1 December 1975 back to a non-mobile port on 1 October 1979. Throughout all the changes, the unit remained a highly capable and functional aerial port.

Continuing their vigorous training program, the 94 MAPS detached 24 members to Rhein mein Air Force Base, Germany to perform their active duty training. These men were instrumental in the implementation of more sophisticated training and organizational procedures.

An annual rodeo was planned in conjunction with other aerial port squadrons assigned to the 94 TAW. This event gives unit personnel the opportunity to demonstrate their skill in handling all types of equipment.

Forty-eight enlisted personnel and three officers attended their annual training tour at Dover AFB, DE, 15 July through 31 July 1978. During the two-week period, more than 1085 tons of cargo were processed inbound and 1816 tons were processed outbound.

Personnel from the 94 MAPS participated in an Operational Readiness exercise while at Dover and contributed tremendously to the success of the mission. During the annual training tour at Dover, five personnel received letters of commendation and Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding performance.

During the annual MHE Roadeo at Charleston AFB, S.C. in July ten 94 MAPS personnel participated in three events.

From 24 May to 7 June 1986, 25 members of the 94th Aerial Port Squadron completed their annual tour at Ramstein AB, Germany. Twenty members completed their tour at Robins AFB, GA from 7 June to 21 June 1986. There was also a significant number of skill upgrades during the period.

Most of the training conducted at the 94 APS was routine during the July to September time frame. Some of the training conducted was physical fitness and weight checks, COMSEC, CWD, M-16, 38 hand gun and warehouse training. All required training was very close to being complete with the exception of CWD, with a somewhat lower completion rate than the other training. Five unit members went to Charleston AFB for training under the Flyaway Program. Four members went to Dover AFB for hands-on training, and four went to Lajes, Azores, for special hands-on training. One member attended the Transportation Proficiency Course at Dobbins AFB.

the 94 APS at Warner Robins AFB, sent 7 people to Germany for hands on training during the first quarter of 1987. five members went to Ramstein from 14-28 Feb and two members went to Frankfurt from 1 - 15 Mar 87. Nine members of the unit to Lajes, Azores for their annual tour during the second quarter of 1987.

More than 100 members of the 94th Aerial Port Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga., and the 51st APS, Charleston AFB , S.C., participated in Exercise Patriot Partner during their annual training in May 1988. This exercise, which involved a combined base takeover, provided hands-on training for the Reserve aerial port personnel by providing the opportunity to on-load and off-load over 4

million pounds of cargo on the C-5 Galaxy, C-130 Hercules, C-141 Starlifter, and the KC-10 Extender. This exercise helps satisfy the wartime tasking requirements in a peacetime environment.

August 1990 - The Volunteer Phase. As the United States began marshaling its forces for the operation that became known as Desert Shield, Headquarters AFRES (now Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command - AFRC) took preliminary steps to ascertain what level of support the Air Force Reserve could provide and under what circumstances. Initial calls for volunteers came soon thereafter and the 94th Aerial Port Squadron responded quickly. By 20 August more than 35, or about 29 percent of all unit members, had volunteered to serve. Most served here at Robins AFB in support of aerial port operations. Many were sent to Savannah Naval Air Station, Georgia, and still others served in the staging operations at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. Others served in Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

From Desert Storm to present, the 94th Aerial Port Squadron has provided support for missions such as Deny Flight, Provide Comfort, Joint Endeavor, Restore Hope, Crisis Reach, Provide Comfort II, Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Hurricane Andrew relief, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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