

## 97 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 97 Logistics Readiness Squadron plans, organizes, coordinates, directs and manages all logistics support activities.

The squadron supports the training, airlift and refueling missions of the 97 Air Mobility Wing by providing top quality logistics support in the form of aircraft fuels, air operations, vehicle operations and maintenance, traffic management, supply management and warehousing, and readiness. The squadron has 360 personnel and manages a \$1 million annual operating budget. Additionally, the squadron is an integral part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force with 314 members tasked. This year, 213 personnel were deployed in 9 countries for a total of 33,610 days.

The squadron is comprised of eight flights. The Aerial Operations Flight mission provides C-17 aircrews with realistic training scenarios, which consist of on- and off-loading general cargo and vehicles as well as aerial delivery materials for airdrop training. Aerial Operations also provides fleet and passenger service to all C-17 and KC-135 stationed at Altus AFB. The flight consists of 78 personnel from the Air Transportation, Material Management and Survival Equipment career fields. Collectively, these individuals provide aircraft services to the 54th, 55th, and 58th Airlift Squadrons in support of aircrew training requirements. The Aerial Delivery function rigs and recovers in excess of 80 unilateral airdrop training loads monthly from Sooner Drop Zone which is located approximately 35 miles west of Altus AFB near Hollis, Okla. The Air Freight Function handles in excess of 4,800 aircraft, 34,000 tons of training equipment, and 1,500 passengers annually. The Aerial Operations Flight manages a fleet of 96 vehicles which includes twelve 60K Tunnar aircraft loaders, the largest fleet in AETC. Aerial Operations flight personnel maintain qualifications to support 31 unit-type-code deployment packages and fill 60 mobility positions.

The materiel management flight manages the wing's \$73.5 million primary operating stock warehouse. The flight stocks, stores, issues, and receives 65,000 assets annually, while maintaining a 99.6 percent inventory accuracy rate. Additionally, the flight is responsible for the timely and accurate tracking of 6,000 repairable parts annually through the supply pipeline. Finally, the flight coordinates directly with Bioenvironmental, Safety, and Civil Engineering Environmental to ensure proper storage and handling of 189 line items of hazardous materials.

The fuels management flight excels in providing clean, dry aviation/ground fuel and cryogenics products to support the Air Force's only strategic airlift, aerial delivery and air refueling school. The products they provide to the 97 Air Mobility Wing's 15 C-17s and 24 KC-135 are crucial to successfully support 7,900 local sortie requirements and countless transient aircraft annually. The dedication and professionalism displayed by their 82 military and 1 civilian personnel are evident in the day-to-day mission success of our flight. The amount of aviation fuel issued at Altus AFB has the largest disbursement in the command, currently at 54 million gallons annually. Tank trucks provide 100 percent of our resupply, receiving on average 35 tank trucks per day. Their maximum off-loading capability is seven trucks at any given time, off-loading five trucks at our main storage area and two trucks at our tanker ramp facility, allowing them to receive over 55,000 gallons simultaneously. Our vehicle checkpoint crew continually strives to maintain our fleet of 2 C-300, 8 R-11 and 9 R-12 refueling vehicles in top-notch condition at all times. They have set a mind-staggering 93 percent vehicle in-commission rate. To ensure their equipment and facilities are of the highest quality at all times, their lab personnel perform approximately 1,100 analyses per month. They ensure only the best products are issued to their customers.

The Management and Systems Flight provides the training, resources, and computer support required to ensure the efficient and effective operation of squadron processes. It is the primary liaison between the base customers and Logistics Support Center. The flight provides interface with internal and external customers, and monitors performance indicators and provides the Commander with internal compliance inspections while monitoring all related Air Force, Command, Wing and Squadron regulations to ensure quality service and accountability. The Management and Systems Flight include the following sections: Resource Management, Procedures and Accountability, Squadron Training, Systems Management and Customer Service.

The readiness flight is responsible for ensuring 335 squadron service members meet all qualifications and eligibilities for mobility commitments. They perform monthly updates in AEF Reporting Tool and brief Squadron, Group and Wing commanders on personnel mobility status. The flight also manages 1,890 mobility bags and 46,000 chemical warfare assets valued at \$1.1 million and small arms storage containing 425 weapons. Readiness maintains classified Global Command and Control user accounts as primary Terminal Area Security Officer and extracts and analyzes wartime planning documents to determine 97 AMW contingency and peacetime requirements. The flight is also responsible for management of the Logistics Module (LOGMOD)/Deliberate and Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segment (DCAPES).

The Traffic Management Flight manages all Personal Property moves for a 21 county area spanning two states and maintains a 93 percent quality control inspection rate. The flight

orchestrates government-directed travel for 1,900 PCS's and TDY's personnel annually. The flight is responsible for the expedient packing, shipping, and receiving of all Air Force assets for Altus AFB; routinely moving 102 tons of cargo and process the wings 14 tons DRMO materiel each month.

The vehicle management flight mission is to provide safe, serviceable, and reliable vehicles and equipment to meet the needs of 17 assigned vehicle-using-organizations that support and accomplish the Wing mission. The flight is composed of 53 highly dedicated military and civilian vehicle maintainers ensuring the utmost standards of quality, safety, and serviceability are met and exceeded by the base vehicle fleet. The team is responsible for managing and maintaining the base's 512 vehicles valued over \$66 million. The flight's superior management and time sensitive repairs ensure mission critical equipment is always available to support the thousands of sorties flown annually. "We put quality on the road."

The vehicle operations flight mission is to provide safe, economical, and reliable vehicle support to meet the needs of the 97 AMW. The flight is composed of 33 highly dedicated military and civilian vehicle operators ensuring the utmost standards of quality, safety, and serviceability are met and exceeded by the base vehicle fleet. The team is responsible for managing and caring for the flights 63 vehicles valued over \$2.2 million, performing wrecker service bringing GOV's into maintenance, and transport 3,600 students while on base. Always putting service before self, the flight supports 2,500 vehicle requests monthly, continuously deploys airmen for convoy duty, saves the base thousands of dollars by flawlessly detailing the fleet, and supports movement of all heavy and bulk items in and out of the supply warehouse.

#### **LINEAGE**

Supply Squadron, 97 Maintenance and Supply Group, 11 Sep 1947

Organized, 1 Dec 1947

Discontinued, 12 Jul 1948

97 Supply Squadron, Bombardment, Medium constituted, 28 May 1948

Activated, 12 Jul 1948

Redesignated 97 Supply Squadron, 16 Mar 1950

Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952

Activated, 1 Jul 1959

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1959

Inactivated, 1 Aug 1992

Supply Squadron, 97 Maintenance and Supply Group and 97 Supply Squadron consolidated

Activated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 97 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 30 Aug 2002

#### **STATIONS**

Altus AFB, OK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

97 Mission Support Group

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1973-30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1978

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980

1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1981

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

1 Oct 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010

1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

1 Jul 2013 - 30 Jun 2014

1 Jul 2014 - 30 Jun 2016

1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017

1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019

1 Jul 2019-30 Jun 2021

## EMBLEM



97 Supply Squadron emblem

97 Logistics Readiness Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, within a triangle formed by three lightning bolts Or, a falcon volant Proper, with dexter wing in front of and the sinister wing behind the adjacent upper lightning bolts while grasping in its talons a spear fesswise Grebe, enflamed Proper, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "PRAESTO HORA" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "97 LOGISTICS READINESS 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 three lightning flashes refer to each function of the Squadron: supply, transportation and logistics plans. The falcon stands for bravery, foresightedness and leadership. The flaming spear represents the unit's powerful abilities to mobilize the wing. (Approved, 9 April 2003)

## MOTTO

PRAESTO HORA--Ready for the Hour

## NICKNAME

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