

60 OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

60 Transport Group established, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 1 Dec 1940
Redesignated 60 Troop Carrier Group, 7 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Activated on 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 60 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 1 Jul 1948
Redesignated 60 Troop Carrier Group, Heavy, 5 Nov 1948
Redesignated 60 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, 16 Nov 1949
Inactivated, 12 Mar 1957
Redesignated 60 Military Airlift Group and activated, 6 Mar 1978
Inactivated, 15 Feb 1979
Redesignated 60 Operations Group, 28 Oct 1991
Activated, 1 Nov 1991

STATIONS

Olmsted Field, PA, 1 Dec 1940
Westover Field, MA, 21 May 1941-20 May 1942
Chelveston, England, 12 Jun 1942
Aldermaston, England, 7 Aug-7 Nov 1942
Relizane, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942

Thiersville, Algeria, 11 May 1943
El Djem, Tunisia, 30 Jun 1943
Gela, Sicily, 31 Aug 1943; Gerbini, Sicily, 29 Oct 1943
Brindisi, Italy, 26 Mar 1944
Naples/Pomigliano Airdrome, Italy, 8 Oct 1944-23 May 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, 4 Jun-31 Jul 1945
Munich AFB, West Germany, 30 Sep 1946
Kaufbeuren AFB (later, Kaufbeuren AB), West Germany, 14 May 1948
Wiesbaden AB, West Germany, 10 Aug 1948
Kaufbeuren AB, West Germany, 18 Oct 1948
Wiesbaden AB, West Germany, 15 Dec 1948
Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 26 Sep 1949
Dreux AB, France, 23 Sep 1955-12 Mar 1957
Travis AFB, CA, 6 Mar 1978-15 Feb 1979
Travis AFB, CA, 1 Nov 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

III Corps Area, 1 Dec 1940
50 Transport Wing, 31 Mar 1942
51 Transport (later, 51 Troop Carrier) Wing, 1 Jun 1942
Eighth Air Force, 19 Jun 1942
Twelfth Air Force, 14 Sep 1942
51 Troop Carrier Wing, 20 Feb 1944
Air Transport Command, 26 May-31 Jul 1945
51 Troop Carrier Wing, 30 Sep 1946
60 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium (later, 60 Troop Carrier Wing, Heavy; 60 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium), 1 Jul 1948-12 Mar 1957
60 Military Airlift Wing, 6 Mar 1978-15 Feb 1979
60 Airlift Wing (later, 60 Air Mobility Wing), 1 Nov 1991

ATTACHMENTS

334 Wing, RAF, Balkan Air Force, Mar-Sep 1944
7320 Air Force Wing, 16 Jan-19 Jan 1949
1 Air Lift Task Force, 20 Jan-26 Sep 1949

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-52, 1941-1942
C-47, 1942-1945, 1946-1948
C-54, 1948-1949
C-82, 1949-1953
C-119, 1953-1957
C-141, 1978-1979, 1991-1997
C-5, 1978-1979, 1991
WC-135, 1993

KC-10, 1994
C-17

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Samuel C. Eaton Jr., 1 Dec 1940
Cpt Arthur L. Logan, 16 May 1941
1st Lt Thomas F. Rafferty, 21 Jul 1941
Lt Col Russell L. Maughan, 28 Jul 1941
Cpt Willard B. Atwell Jr., 6 Apr 1942
Lt Col A. J. Kerwin Malone, 15 Apr 1942
Lt Col Thomas J. Schofield, 11 Oct 1942
Lt Col Julius A. Kolb, 2 Dec 1942
Lt Col Frederick H. Sherwood, 29 Mar 1943
Col Clarence J. Galligan, 26 Jul 1943
Lt Col Kenneth W. Holbert, 8 Dec 1944
Lt Col Charles A. Gibson Jr., 11 Jan 1945
Unkn, Apr-Jul 1945. Col Casper P. West, 30 Sep 1946
Col Bertram C. Harrison, Sep 1947
Lt Col Frederick M. O'Neill, Aug 1948
Col Bertram. C Harrison, Sep 1948
Lt Col Frederick M. O'Neill, Nov 1948
Col Theron H. Coulter, Dec 1948
Lt Col Lawrence G. Gilbert, Jan 1949
Col Robert D. Forman, Mar 1949
Lt Col Reesor M. Lawrence, 26 Aug 1950
Col Jay D. Bogue, 5 Dec 1950
Col Donald J. French, 29 Feb 1952
Lt Col John W. Osborn, 14 Jun 1952
Col Lorris W. Moomaw, 25 May 1953
Lt Col Robert L. Olinger, 13 Jun 1954
Col Howard J. Withycombe, 1 Jul 1954
Col Randolph E. Churchill, 5 Jul 1955
Col Charles K. Nelson, 21 May 1956-12 Mar 1957
Col Jack W. Sheppard, 6 Mar 1978
Col Richard J. Trzaskoma, 1 Jun 1978-15 Feb 1979
Col John D. Becker, 1 Nov 1991
Col Craig P. Rasmussen, 19 Jul 1993
Col Bernard H. Fullenkamp, 15 Mar 1995
Col Raymond E. Johns Jr., 24 Jun 1996
Col Paul J. Selva, 11 Aug 1998
Col Janet A. Therianos, 11 Jul 2000
Col Susan Y. Desjardius, 18 Apr 2002
Col Steven F. Miller, 22 Aug 2003
Col William Sick, 30 Jun 2005

Col Michael D. Cassidy, 30 Jun 2005
Col James M. Baron, 15 May 2007
Col Anthony M. Butters, 1 Jul 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Algeria-French Morocco
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Po Valley
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 28 Mar-15 Sep 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Nov 1991-30 Jun 1992
1 Nov 1993-31 Jul 1995
1 Aug 1995-30 Jul 1997
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999
[3 Apr]-10 Jun 1999
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2012

EMBLEM



Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll. (Approved, 23 Jul 2019)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Trained with paratroopers for North African landings. Dropped entire 2 Bt. 503 Para Inf. Regiment on 16 Sep. 42.

First mission carrying paratroopers to North Africa 7 Nov. 42, flying from St Eval and Predannack to Oran, Algeria. Operated from bases in Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy until after V-E Day. Participated in the battle for Tunisia, dropping paratroopers near combat areas. In Jun 1943 took special glider training; then, in Jul, towed gliders to Syracuse and dropped paratroops behind enemy lines at Catania during Allied invasion of Sicily. Flew to northern Italy in Oct 1943, dropping supplies to escapees from enemy POW camps. Dropped paratroops at Megava in the airborne invasion of Greece, Oct 1944. Received a DUC for supporting partisans in the Balkans, Mar-Sep 1944, making unarmed night missions to provisional airfields in Yugoslavia, Albania, and Greece. On return flights evacuated wounded partisans and escaped Allied personnel.

Group participated in the Berlin Airlift, Jun 1948 through Sep 1949, flying cargo in all weather conditions to and from Berlin. Later carried out airlift operations in support of regular United States Air Forces in Europe and Allied agencies requirements. Maintained cargo airlift mission while engaging in actual and simulated airborne assault exercises as directed by USAFE until inactivation in 1957.

Between Mar 1978 and Feb 1979, airlifted personnel and cargo worldwide, controlling the 60 MAW's tactical squadrons. Participated in joint exercises and humanitarian airlift missions, including airlift following the Jonestown, Guyana murder-suicides, Nov 1978. In 1991, commenced airlift in support of U.S. relief operations in Somalia during Operations PROVIDE RELIEF and RESTORE HOPE. Supported on-going operations in Southwest Asia during Operation SOUTHERN

WATCH. Group elements also supported Operation PROVIDE COMFORT that provided relief for Kurdish refugees, assisted in the evacuation of military personnel and their dependents from the Philippines through Operation FIERY VIGIL in 1991, and supplied airlift support to Balkans peacekeeping missions beginning in 1995 with Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, and continuing under Operations JOINT GUARD and JOINT FORGE. Deployed tanker and support elements to the European theater during Operation ALLIED FORCE from Mar-Jun 1999, as well as providing airlift support to other air expeditionary forces deploying to the operation.

Personnel from 60 Operations Group and 615 Air Mobility Operations Group provided mobility support for operation assured response in Freetown, Sierra Leone. 1996

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