



Lineage and Honors History
of the
65 Airlift Squadron (PACAF)

Lineage. Constituted 65 Troop Carrier Squadron on 7 Dec 1942. Activated on 12 Dec 1942. Inactivated on 27 Jan 1946. Activated in the Reserve on 9 Aug 1947.

Redesignated 65 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium on 27 Jun 1949. Ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1953. Activated in the Reserve on 1 Jan 1953. Ordered to active service on 28 Oct 1962. Relieved from active duty on 28 Nov 1962. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Jul 1966. Redesignated 65 Airlift Squadron on 20 Feb 1992. Activated on 10 Mar 1992.

Assignments. 403 Troop Carrier Group, 12 Dec 1942; Fifth Air Force, 26 Jul 1943; 54 Troop Carrier Wing, 13 Aug 1943; 433 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Nov 1943; 403 Troop Carrier Group, 20 Feb 1945-27 Jan 1946. 419 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Aug 1947; 403 Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-1 Jan 1953. 403 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jan 1953;

442 Troop Carrier Group, 16 Nov 1957; 403 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959; 929 Troop Carrier Group, 11 Jan 1963-1 Jul 1966. 15 Air Base Wing, 10 Mar 1992; 15 Operations Group, 13 Apr 1992-.

Stations. Bowman Field, KY, 12 Dec 1942; Alliance, NE, 18 Dec 1942; Pope Field, NC, 3 May 1943; Baer Field, IN, 19 Jun-14 Jul 1943; Port Moresby, New Guinea, 26 Jul 1943 (air echelon operated from Tsili Tsili, New Guinea, 18 Sep-31 Oct 1943); Nadzab, New Guinea, 9 Oct 1943 (air echelon operated from Tadjji, New Guinea, 3 May-2 Jun 1944); Biak, 18 Oct 1944 (air echelon operated from Hill Field, Mindoro, 24 Jan-27 Feb 1945); Morotai, 27 Feb 1945; Dulag, Leyte, 15 Jul 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, 27 Jan 1946. Richmond AAB, VA, 9 Aug 1947; Portland, OR, 27 Jun 1949-29 Mar 1952; Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1952-1 Jan 1953. Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 1 Jan 1953; Paine AFB, WA, 15 Apr 1955; Davis Field, OK, 16 Nov 1957-1 Jul 1966. Hickam AFB, HI, 10 Mar 1992-.

Commanders. 1 Lt Malcolm J. Long Jr., 20 Dec 1942; Maj Marvin O. Calliham, 27 Dec 1942; Maj Donald G. Anderson, 13 Nov 1944; Maj Elmer F. Hauser, Sep 1945; unkn, Nov 1945-27 Jan 1946. Unkn, 9 Aug 1947-1951; Maj Gilbert G. Tipton, by 1 Oct 1951; Maj Richard E. Knie, by Apr-Dec 1952. Unkn, 1 Jan 1953-1959. Lt Col Ralph M. Lain, by Apr 1959; Lt Col Claude Sledd Jr., c. 11 Jan 1963; Lt Col William E. Stealey, by Dec 1963; Lt Col Claude Sledd Jr., by Jun 1964-unkn. Lt Col James E. Stieber, 10 Mar 1992; Lt Col Don W. Merritt, 24 Apr 1992; Lt Col Gerry D. Wolfe, 2 Sep 1994; Lt Col Gary W. Stephens, 18 Jun 1996; Lt Col John H. Elder III, 1 Dec 1997; Lt Col Thomas G. Philipkosky, 10 Nov 1999; Lt Col Joseph Lenertz, 28 Jun 2001; Lt Col Lance Lindsley, 19 Jun 2003; Lt Col Robert S. Holba, 20 Jan 2005; Lt Col Robert R. Howe, 3

Aug 2006; Lt Col James D. Golden, 4 Sep 2008-28 Jun 2010; Lt Col Gregory S. Green, 28 Jun 2010-11 Jun 2012; Lt Col Brian P. Mackey, 11 Jun 2012; Lt Col Benjamin D. Menges, 20 Jun 2014; Lt Col Ryan L. Theiss, 8 Jun 2016; Lt Col Neil R. Senkowski, 15 Jun 2018; Lt Col Matthew L. Hood, 1 Jun 2020-.

Aircraft. C-47, 1943-1945; C-46, 1944-1945. C-46, 1947-1952; C-119, 1952. C-119, 1953-1966. C-135, 1992-2003; C-37, 2002-; C-40, 2003-2019.¹

Operations. Aerial transportation and evacuation in South and Southwest Pacific, 26 Jul 1943-c. Aug 1945; and in Korea, 9 May-31 Dec 1952. Beginning in 1992, flew specially configured C-135Es, and later C-37A and C-40B aircraft, to provide global airlift to Commander, US Pacific Command and Commander, Pacific Air Forces, American and foreign dignitaries, as well as distinguished visitor missions.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines. *Korea:* Korea Summer-Fall, 1952; Third Korean Winter.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Laguna de Bay, Luzon, 23 Feb 1945; Philippine Islands, 17 Apr-30 Jun 1945. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 10 Mar 1992-30 Jun 1993; 1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995; 1 Oct 1995-1 Aug 1997; 2 Aug 1997-1 Aug 1999; 29 Nov 1999-30 Nov 2001; 1 Nov 2002-31 Oct 2004; 1 Nov 2004-31 Oct 2006; 1

¹ Control of the C-40B mission returned to Andrews AFB, MD in December 2019 thus removing control of the aircraft from the 15 WG. However, the 65 AS still provided aircrews for the C-40s that rotated through JBPHH.

Nov 2006-31 Oct 2007. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Korea
Presidential Unit Citation: [1952].

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 1 Jun 2020.

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through Nov 2021.

Emblem. Approved on 27 Nov 1992.

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