



## United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

### **HQ, Twenty-First Air Force (AMC)**

**Lineage.** Established as 23 Army Air Forces Ferrying Wing on 12 Jun 1942. Activated on 18 Jun 1942. Redesignated as: North Atlantic Wing, Air Transport Command on 5 Jul 1942; North Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command on 27 Jun 1944; Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command, 20 Sep 1945. Discontinued on 1 Jun 1948. Consolidated (21 Jan 2026) with the Atlantic Division, Military Air Transport Service which was established on 1 Jun 1948. Organized on 25 Aug 1948. Redesignated as: Eastern Transport Air Force on 1 Jul 1958; Twenty-First Air Force on 3 Jan 1966; 21 Expeditionary Mobility Task Force on 1 Oct 2003. Inactivated on 19 Mar 2012. Redesignated as Twenty-First Air Force on 3 Sep 2025. Activated on 5 Sep 2025.

**Assignments.** Army Air Forces Ferrying Command (later, Air Transport Command), 18 Jun 1942; Air Transport Service, 15 Oct 1947-1 Jun 1948. Military Air Transport Service (later, Military Airlift Command), 1 Jun 1948; Air Mobility Command, 1 Jun 1992; Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 2003-19 Mar 2012. Air Mobility Command, 5 Sep 2025-.

**Major Components.** Divisions: **76** Airlift: 1 Mar 1976-30 Sep 1977; 15 Dec 1980-1 Oct 1985. **322** Air (later, 322 Airlift): 1 Apr 1964-24 Dec 1968; 23 Jun 1978-1 Apr 1992.

**Stations.** Presque Isle, ME, 18 Jun 1942; Fort Totten, NY, 20 Sep 1945; Westover Field (later, AFB), MA, 24 Oct 1947-1 Jun 1948. Westover AFB, MA 1 Jun 1948; McGuire (later, Joint

Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) AFB, NJ, 1 Jun 1955-19 Mar 2012. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, 5 Sep 2025-.

**Commanders.** Brig Gen Benjamin F. Giles, 18 Jun 1942; Brig Gen Lawrence G. Fritz, 5 Oct 1943; Maj Gen Lawrence S. Kuter, 21 Sep 1945; Maj Gen William H. Tunner, 21 Sep 1946; Brig Gen Archie J. Old, 23 Jul 1948; Maj Gen James W. Spry, 1 Mar 1950; Brig Gen Joseph C. Hopkins, 21 May 1953; Maj Gen Robert K. Taylor, 25 Aug 1953; Maj Gen Emery S. Wetzel, 10 May 1954; Maj Gen William S. Stone, 15 Jul 1957; Brig Gen Jack G. Merrill, 2 Aug 1959; Maj Gen William P. Fisher, 14 Sep 1959; Maj Gen George S. Brown, 1 Aug 1963; Brig Gen Robert J. Goewey, 8 Sep 1964; Maj Gen Donald W. Graham, 1 Jun 1965; Maj Gen William H. Brandon, 25 Jul 1967; Maj Gen Gilbert L. Curtis, 26 Jul 1969; Brig Gen John F. Gonge, 10 Sep 1971; Maj Gen Roland A. Campbell, 20 Sep 1971; Maj Gen Ray M. Cole, 1 Mar 1973; Maj Gen Lester T. Kearney Jr., 1 Oct 1973; Maj Gen Alden G. Glauch, 23 May 1975; Maj Gen Thomas M. Sadler, 1 Sep 1977; Maj Gen Duane H. Cassidy, 1 Oct 1983; Maj Gen Robert B. Patterson, 1 Aug 1984; Maj Gen Robert D. Springer, 3 Oct 1984; Maj Gen Jack W. Sheppard, 2 Aug 1985; Maj Gen Donald A. Logeais, 5 Jun 1987; Maj Gen Paul E. Landers Jr., 27 Jul 1990; Lt Gen Vernon J. Kondra, 17 Jul 1991; Lt Gen Malcolm B. Armstrong, 1 Jun 1992; Lt Gen Edwin E. Tenoso, 13 Jun 1995; Lt Gen John W. Handy, 11 Jul 1997; Lt Gen Maxwell C. Bailey, 2 Oct 1998; Maj Gen John D. Hopper Jr., 27 Jul 1999; Maj Gen George N. Williams, 12 Oct 2000; Brig Gen Kurt A. Cichowski, 1 Oct 2003; Brig Gen Bobby J. Wilkes, 7 May 2004; Brig Gen Alfred J. Stewart, 9 Jun 2006; Brig Gen Timothy M. Zadalis, 20 May 2008; Brig Gen Michael D. Kim, 25 Jul 2010; Brig Gen Scott P. Goodwin, 7 Jan 2011-19 Mar 2012. Brig Gen Darren Cole, 05 Sep 2025-.

**Operations.** Initially, the organization ferried aircraft, but by July 1942, its mission had changed to airlifting personnel and cargo. As an intermediate command echelon beginning in the late

1950s, controlled and supported combat-ready airlift organizations in the eastern United States, the Atlantic basin, Europe, and the Middle East. From 2003, served as an expeditionary task force conducting air mobility operations in support of worldwide contingencies, humanitarian operations, exercises and other missions. Since 2025, it provides direct oversight and support of the Global Air Mobility Support System, world-wide contingency response, and the Expeditionary Operations School preparing mobility forces, equipment, and installations to execute Rapid Global Mobility.

**Service Streamers.** World War II American Theater.

**Campaign Streamers.** None.

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan 1984-31 Dec 1985; 1 Jan-31 Dec 1988; 1 Jan 1989-15 May 1990; 1 Jun 1990-15 Jul 1991; 16 Jul 1991-31 Jul 1992; 1 Aug 1992-31 Jul 1994; 1 Aug 1997-31 Jul 1999; 1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002; 1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003; 1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2004; 1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005; 1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006; 1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2007; 1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008; 1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2009; 1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010; 1 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2011.

**Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 27 Jan 2026.**



**Commanders and Operations through 27 Jan 2026.**

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