Travis Air Force Base History

Travis Air Force Base is comprised of our host unit, the 60th Air Mobility Wing, along with the 621st Contingency Response Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing and more than 50 partner organizations, with more than 26,000 Travis active duty, reservists and civilian employees assigned.

60th AIR MOBILITY WING

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is the largest air mobility organization in terms of personnel in the Air Force with a versatile all-jet fleet of C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft and KC-10 Extender refueling aircraft. As the host unit of Travis Air Force Base, Calif., the wing controls more than $11 billion in total resources, including 6,455 acres, 403 buildings and about 1,320 military family housing units. It handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Travis is the West Coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured patients from the Pacific area.

Part of the Air Mobility Command, the 60th AMW is responsible for strategic airlift and air refueling missions circling the globe. The unit's primary roles are to provide rapid, reliable airlift of American fighting forces anywhere on earth in support of national objectives and to extend the reach of American and allied air power through mid-air refueling. Wing activity is primarily focused in the Pacific and Indian Ocean area, including Alaska and Antarctica. However, the 60th AMW crews can fly support missions anywhere in the world to fulfill its motto of being "America's First Choice" for providing true Global Reach.

The wing maintains a work force of approximately 7,063 active-duty military and 3,268 civilian personnel, including personnel from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, more than 3,078 reservists assigned to the associate 349th AMW combine with their active duty and civilian counterparts to form a fully integrated total force team. The massive Travis work force makes an economic impact in the local community of more than $4.5 million daily.

The 60th AMW is organized into four groups: Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. Additionally, the wing commander has the support of 17 staff agencies.

The 60th AMW staff is made up from a variety of functions. These functions include command section administration, legal, plans and programs, safety, command and

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control, chapel, public affairs, equal opportunity office, protocol, manpower and quality, treaty compliance, history and the museum.

The 60th Operations Group is responsible for four flying squadrons -- the 21st Airlift Squadron which fly the C-17 Globemaster III and 22nd Airlift Squadron which fly the C-5M Super Galaxy, and the 6th and 9th Refueling Squadrons which fly the KC-10 Extender. The 60th Operations Support Squadron handles such functions as weather, airfield management, training and scheduling.

The 60th Maintenance Group meets the responsibility of aircraft maintenance with the 60th Maintenance Squadron, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 860th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 60th Aerial Port Squadron. These five squadrons are comprised of over 2,200 military and civilian personnel.

The 60th Mission Support Group leads six units and is comprised of more than 1700 civilian and military personnel. It includes the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 60th Contracting Squadron, 60th Communications Squadron, 60th Security Forces Squadron, the 60th Force Support Squadron, and the 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron. They are responsible for mission readiness, aerial port operations and the day-to-day activities which help Travis run like its own city.

The 60th Medical Group manages DGMC and is composed of seven squadrons: the 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 60th Dental Squadron, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 60th Inpatient Squadron, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, 60th Medical Support Squadron and 60th Surgical Operations Squadron.

David Grant USAF Medical Center is a state-of-the-art medical facility that was completed in 1988. The 60th Medical Group at David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center is at the forefront of military and regional healthcare facilities. Named after Maj. Gen. (Dr.) David Norvell Walker Grant, the first air surgeon of the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, DGMC is the flagship of 75 military treatment facilities in the Air Force Medical Service. It provides a full spectrum of care to a prime service area of more than 130,000 TRICARE eligible patients in the immediate San Francisco-Sacramento vicinity and 500,000 Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System patients, covering more than 40,000 square miles and 17 counties. A staff of more than 2,400 military and civilian personnel work at David Grant USAF Medical Center.

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THE 621st CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

The 621st Contingency Response Wing is highly-specialized in training and rapidly deploying personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain, and coordinate air mobility operations. From wartime taskings to disaster relief, the 621st extends Air Mobility Command's reach in deploying people and equipment around the globe.

Established in March 2005 and based at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. and Travis Air Force Base, Calif., the 621st consists of approximately 1500 Airmen in six groups, fourteen squadrons and more than 20 geographically separated operating locations aligned with major Army and Marine Corps combat units. The wing maintains a ready corps of light, lean and agile mobility support forces able to respond as directed by the 18th Air Force at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., in order to meet Combatant Command wartime and humanitarian requirements.

Four Contingency Response Groups (817th & 818th at JBMDL and 570th & 571st CRGs at Travis) provide the core cadre of expeditionary command and control, airlift and air refueling operations, aerial port, and aircraft maintenance personnel for deployment worldwide as mobility control teams and airfield assessment teams. These teams rapidly survey, assess and establish contingency air base lodgments and expand existing AMC support infrastructure worldwide. Each CRG has a Global Mobility Squadron and Global Mobility Readiness Squadron. The 818th and 571st CRGs also contain Mobility Support Advisory Squadrons.

The GMS performs aircraft quick-turn maintenance, airfield management, passenger and cargo movement, and command and control of personnel and aircraft.

The GMRS supplies threat assessment, force protection, air traffic control, weather, airfield systems maintenance, finance and contracting.

The MSAS is focused on the mutual exchange of air mobility concepts and procedures with partner nations in the development of their air mobility systems. The 818th MSAS is primarily focused on operations in Africa. The 571st MSAS is trained to operate in Central and South America.

Two other groups; the 615th (Travis) and 621st (JBMDL) Contingency Operations Support Groups, house the 573rd and 819th Global Support Squadrons, the 21st and 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadrons, and the Air Mobility Liaison Officers for the 621st CRW.

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The 573rd and 819th GSS deploys contingency response forces to locations where the en-route support for AMC's global air mobility operations is insufficient or nonexistent. In garrison, the GSS manages and maintains the wings' assigned equipment as well as facilitating training for and equipping 621st CRW assigned personnel.

The AMOS' provide operational, level-of-war planning and execution of theater airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation missions. The squadrons accomplish this role by augmenting existing Air Mobility Divisions or Air and Space Operations Centers within the theater, or by standing up an independent AMD in austere environments. While performing AMD duties, AMOS personnel synchronize scheduling of all theater-owned airframes and aircrew to meet the theater commanders' mobility objectives.

The 621st CRW also includes Air Mobility Liaison Officers who provide air mobility expertise to their aligned Army/Marine brigade and division and corps level commanders.

Today, more than ever, the Air Force is supporting mobility operations all over the globe. Operations such as ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN and humanitarian assistance deployments such as Hurricane Katrina and the Haiti and Pakistan Earthquake relief operations are tributes to the 621st CRW's capabilities and readiness in providing mission support whenever and wherever the requirement exists.

349th AIR MOBILITY WING

The 349th Air Mobility Wing, located at Travis, is the largest associate wing in the United States Air Force Reserve. Its mission is to "provide combat ready Airmen and expeditionary support to the war fighter." As a reserve partner, the 349th works alongside 60th AMW personnel, operating and maintaining the all-jet fleet of 26 C-5 Galaxy cargo and 27 KC-10 Extender refueling aircraft. 349th AMW members work in all capacities with active duty personnel, to include Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support, Maintenance and Medical.

The 349 AMW dates back to 1943 when it was known as the 349th Troop Carrier Group at Sedalia Army Air Field, Mo. In March 1944, the 349th was sent to the European Theater of Operations and began flying combat cargo missions. Flying C-46 "Commandos," the 349th was the first unit to drop paratroopers from both doors. At one point during the war in Europe, the 349th participated in the largest mass formation of C-46's ever flown in that theater.

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After the war in Europe ended, the 349th returned to the United States and assisted in events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis. Since the Vietnam War, the 349 AMW has participated in every major Air Force operation and contingency action alongside the wing's active-duty partners. The 349 AMW has been involved in multiple operations including: Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Allied Force, Deep Freeze and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 349 AMW has also supported humanitarian assistance operations across the country and around the Globe, such as the Haiti relief effort following the 2010 earthquake.

After its relocation to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in 1969, the wing grew tremendously and now employs more than 3700 reservists, Air Reserve technicians and civilian employees. These employees are disbursed between the Operations Group, Maintenance Group, Mission Support Group, Medical Group and wing staff.

The wing has been awarded numerous awards, including 15 Outstanding Unit Awards, and, most recently, the 2009 Airlift/Tanker Association Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit award for exemplary service.

The 349th AMW is comprised of the 349th Operations Group,that provides crews that fly the KC-10A Extender, the C-5 Galaxy, and the C-17A Globemaster III. The 349th Operations Group is comprised of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron, the 79th Air Refueling Squadron, the 301st Airlift Squadron, 312th Airlift Squadron, the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the 349th Operations Support Flight and the 349th Air Mobility Operations Squadron.

The 349th Maintenance Group works with the 60th Maintenance Group and is responsible for aircraft maintenance and aerial port operations. The 349th Maintenance Group is comprised of the 349th Maintenance Operations Flight, the 349th Maintenance Squadron, the 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 945th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

349th Mission Support Group is responsible for providing support to the 349 AMW's mission and it's Airmen. The 349th Mission Support Group is comprised of the 45th Aerial Port Squadron, the 55th Aerial Port Squadron, the 82nd Aerial Port Squadron, 349th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 349th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron, the 349th Force Support Squadron and the 349th Security Forces Squadron.

The 349th Medical Group works hand-in-hand with the 60th Medical Group at DGMC. It is comprised of the 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and the 349th Medical Squadron.