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911th Airlift Wing

LEADERSHIP



COL. DOUGLAS A. STOUFFER
911TH AW COMMANDER

Col. Douglas A. Stouffer commands the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, overseeing 1,429 Reserve members, 363 civilians, and \$2.1 billion in assets. The Wing delivers agile combat support, aeromedical evacuation, and worldwide airlift via the C-17 Globemaster III. He commissioned through ROTC at Penn State in 1991, he became a KC-135 pilot in 1993. A Reserve member after 12 years on active duty, his career spans instructor, safety officer, and commander roles, including leading the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB.



COL. CHRISTOPHER J. SOPKO
911TH AW DEPUTY COMMANDER

Col. Christopher J. Sopko is the Deputy Commander, 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania. He is responsible for assisting the Commander in the training and readiness of more than 1,500 personnel. The Wing's core missions include aeromedical evacuation, agile combat support, and worldwide strategic airlift utilizing an inventory of eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.



CMSGT. DENNIS G. JENDRZEJEWSKI
911TH AW COMMAND CHIEF

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis G. Jendrzewski is the Command Chief, 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania. As the senior enlisted leader, he provides leadership, management, and general supervision of a force of 1,429 Air Force Reserve members and over \$2.1 billion in national assets and military hardware. He advises, implements, and monitors the commander's and organizational policies, programs, and standards, and serves as the commander's key enlisted advocate and advisor.



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LEADERSHIP



COLONEL SHERARD DORROH
911TH MSG COMMANDER

Col. Sherard Dorroh commands the 911th Mission Support Group, overseeing nearly 600 military and civilian personnel across six squadrons, including Security Forces, Civil Engineering, Aerial Port, and more. He is responsible for base support functions ranging from logistics and communications to disaster preparedness and family readiness. A University of Texas ROTC graduate with a Biology/Pre-Med degree, he joined the Reserve in 2012 and has held multiple command roles, including leading the 446th MSG at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.



COLONEL BRETT A. NEWMAN
911TH MXG COMMANDER

Col. Brett A. Newman commands the 911th Maintenance Group, leading 444 total force personnel in support of eight C-17A aircraft at Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station. He oversees maintenance production, scheduling, and \$1.75 billion in aircraft assets, ensuring mission readiness for global operations. A 1987 ROTC graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, he has commanded multiple maintenance and logistics units, deployed for OPERATIONS IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM, and earned the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award for field grade manager.



COLONEL ERIK P. BALDWIN
911TH ASTS COMMANDER

Col. Erik P. Baldwin commands the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, overseeing medical readiness for 1,500 members and the deployment of 150 Airmen in support of global aeromedical evacuation. He enlisted in 1993 and earned his commission in 2002 after graduating from West Virginia University. With over 31 years of service across the Guard and Reserve, he has held multiple leadership roles. He holds advanced degrees in business and military operations and is board certified in healthcare management, quality, and Lean/Six Sigma practices.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER KURPIEL
911TH OG COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Christopher J. Kurpiel commands the 911th Operations Group, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania, leading 234 military and civilian personnel across three squadrons. A 2004 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, he is a command pilot with over 4,900 hours in the C-17, T-6, and T-1. He has deployed eight times to Southwest Asia and led multiple C-17 detachments in theater. His experience spans command, flight evaluation, and staff roles at McGuire, McChord, and abroad. He completed Senior Developmental Education in 2023.



OUR MISSION

Provide mission-ready C-17 airlift, aeromedical evacuation, and agile combat support.

The unit also provides intratheater aeromedical evacuation and participates in joint service training exercises to support active duty forces in airborne training.

The 911th Airlift Wing reports to 4th Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, California. Wing daily activities are managed by civilian federal workers, including air reserve technicians. More than 90 percent of the 911th is made up of Air Force Reserve volunteers from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The remaining 10 percent are volunteers from across the United States. Reservists train one weekend per month at a unit training assembly, and perform 15 days of active duty for training each year. Aircrew members train more often to meet flight qualification standards. The wing flies airlift missions in support of Department of Defense assignments.

OUR VISION

"Ready NOW, Forging into the Future."

- Steel Airmen maintain 24/7/365 operations, with missions ongoing across three continents at any given time.
- The wing earned the 2024 Raincross Award, recognizing it as the best of 18 wings in Fourth Air Force.
- From November 2023 to March 2024, the wing executed its first-ever involuntary home station mobilization, deploying 4 aircraft and over 170 Airmen.
- Two aircraft and dozens of Steel Airmen supported Operation Allied Refuge, the largest non-combatant evacuation airlift in U.S. history.
- In calendar year 2024, the wing flew 2,919.5 hours, moved 10.6 million pounds of cargo, and transported 3,208 passengers and 161 patients.
- The wing led Air Force Reserve Command's first-ever XAB deployment.
- Approximately 350 Steel Airmen are slated to deploy in calendar year 2025.
- Steel City Spark stands as the first Air Reserve Component-only innovation cell, launched in partnership with the 171st ARW.
- The wing is home to AFRC's only unit equipped with an F900 3D printer.
- It became the first C-17 unit in history to paint D-Day stripes on a C-17 Globemaster III.



POWER IN RESERVE



AT A GLANCE



Four C-17 Globemaster III aircraft assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing perform an elephant walk at the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania, July 18, 2023. Elephant walks demonstrate the teamwork and capability of the 911th AW to perform rapid large-force to defend, mobilize and fight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Fritz)



>>> AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

The 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Aeromedical Staging Squadron plays a critical role in ensuring that wounded or critically ill individuals receive the care they need while being transported to appropriate medical facilities. This capability is essential for the U.S. military's medical support infrastructure and contributes to the overall readiness and effectiveness of the Armed Forces.

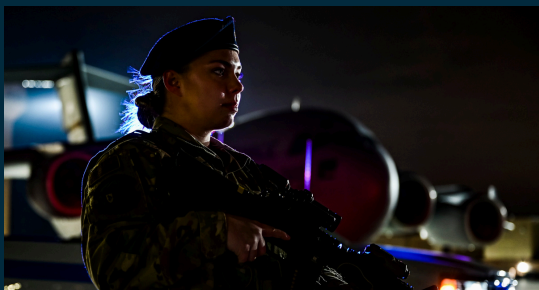
The 911th Maintenance Group ensures the readiness of the 911th Airlift Wing's C-17 Globemaster III fleet. Through inspections, repairs, and servicing, they guarantee aircraft are mission-ready for global airlift, aeromedical evacuation, and combat support. Their team of Reserve and civilian experts upholds excellence in sustaining critical Air Force Reserve mobility operations.

>>> AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE



>>> STRATEGIC AIRLIFT

The 911th Airlift Wing deploys constantly to provide strategic airlift anywhere, anytime. We have participated in operations like "Allies Refuge" which involved the evacuation of American citizens and at-risk Afghans. In total, U.S. and coalition forces have evacuated over 120,000 people from Afghanistan.



>>> SECURITY FORCES

The 911th Security Forces Squadron provides security, law enforcement, and force protection services for the 911th Airlift Wing and the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station. Their mission is to safeguard the Airmen, assets, and operations of the 911th AW ensuring they can carry out their duties safely and securely.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

LOCAL IMPACT – GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



\$262 MILLION

through airlift operations, aeromedical evacuation, and agile combat support

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

1,800 MEMBERS OF TEAM PITTSBURGH

511 full-time military & civilian

1,281 part-time employees



\$611 Million in infrastructure



\$1.7 Billion in aircraft



\$89.7 Million assets & expenditure contracts since 2017



A TRADITION OF HONOR, AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.



A Need for Reserve Troop Carrier Groups

In 1941, a wheat and corn farm was chosen to become the future site of the 911th Airlift Wing. At the request of the U.S. government, the Allegheny County Commissioners studied the Bell Farm as a location for a defense base.

Construction began in April 1942 on the site for an Air Defense Unit. The site based various commands and units until the 911th Troop Carrier Group was activated Jan. 19, 1963.

Vietnam (1965-72)

In 1965, the year President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered the first combat troops into Vietnam, the 911th participated in a limited airlift of Christmas gifts to servicemen in that Southeast Asian country. The following summer, the 911th flew Vietnam transferees (both inbound and outbound) to and from stateside departure points during the 1966 airline strike. The unit hauled 1,771 passengers in 64 flights.

Commitments to SOUTHCOM

911th aircrews flew to Panama 1973 - 1975 to support southern command commitments; participating in Gallant Crew 77, involving 30,000 service members. The 911th also participated in NATO Reforger in 1978.

Volant Oak operations

As the 911th converted to C-130A models, the unit's first Panama rotation with the "Herks" was Dec. 5-31, 1980. For the first time, they were able to fly missions throughout Central and South America.

Desert Shield / Storm

The 911th participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm from August 1990 until March 1991, with more than 400 reservists activating or serving as volunteers; deploying to locations in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Germany.

Humanitarian Aid in the '90s

1992 - Relief to Southern Florida in response to Hurricane Andrew.

1993-1994 - Humanitarian relief flights to Bosnia and airlift support for Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf. Assisted the US Air Flight 427 crash site, and base facilities were used for emergency response activities.

War on Terror

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the 911th Airlift Wing responded to the call, flying numerous missions at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., in support of Operation Noble Eagle. In addition, the 911th deployed more than 600 personnel to Southwest and Central Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Title's Through Time

Jan. 19, 1963 -
911th Troop Carrier Group

1967 -
911th Military Airlift Group

1972 -
911th Tactical Airlift Group

1992 -
911th Airlift Group

1994 -
911th Airlift Wing

Aircraft Conversions

1963 - C-119 Flying Boxcar
1967 - C-124 Globemaster II
1972 - C-123K Providers
1980 - C-130A Hercules
1987 - C-130H Hercules
2018 - C-17 Globemaster III





C-17



Globemaster III

The C-17 Globemaster III is the most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improve the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States. The ultimate measure of airlift effectiveness is the ability to rapidly project and sustain an effective combat force close to a potential battle area.

Background

The C-17 made its maiden flight on Sept. 15, 1991, and the first production model was delivered to Charleston Air Force Base, now identified as Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, on June 14, 1993. The first squadron of C-17s, the 17th Airlift Squadron, was declared operationally ready Jan. 17, 1995. The Air Force originally programmed to buy 120 C-17s. Due to the unrivaled success of the C-17 to accomplish various mobility missions, additional aircraft were acquired, resulting in a final fleet of 223 aircraft.



DIMENSIONS AND POWER

- Length: 174 feet (53 meters).
- Wingspan: 169 feet, 10 inches (51.75 meters).
- Powered by four Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 turbofan engines.
- Each engine produces 40,440 pounds of thrust.
- Equipped with thrust reversers for reverse taxiing and in-flight drag for maximum rate descents.



OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

- Capable of operating on short runways and austere airfields.
- Can carry large payloads, like the 69-ton M1 Abrams battle tank.
- Designed for airdropping up to 102 paratroopers
- Maximum payload capacity: 170,900 pounds



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