



### **732d Air Mobility Squadron Emblem**

**Approved:** Approved on 22 Nov 1977; modified on 23 Sep 1999.

**Description:** On a disc Azure, issuant from a landscape in base consisting of a snow-capped mountain (Light Blue and Argent) above a mount Vert garnished with snow fields of the third, the head of a husky dog of the like detailed Gray in sinister howling at a mullet in dexter chief Or, all within a diminished border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "732D AIR MOBILITY SQ" in Yellow letters.

**Significance:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The husky is symbolic of transportation, dependability, loyalty and speed. The star represents the navigational tools utilized by the Squadron. The mountain alludes to the unit's strength, stability and dedication to duty.

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## Heritage Pamphlet



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The 732d Air Mobility Squadron (AMS) is strategically located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) and plays an integral part in US Arctic strategy. The Squadron has a personnel strength of just over 250 officers, enlisted, and civilians. Collocated with the 715th Air Mobility Operations Group (AMOG), the squadron's primary mission in Alaska is to provide 24/7 en route capability to United States Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command strategic operations. The unit supports Alaska Command in its weekly resupply missions to 9 long range radar sites which protect North America and the sole resupply route for more than 700 personnel stationed across Alaska. Additionally, the squadron annually supports nearly 200 Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training missions to prepare the 11th Air Force to deliver combatant commanders a dedicated and scalable force throughout Pacific Command's area of responsibility. The Squadron also supports its detachment at Eielson AFB .

The origins of the 732 Air Mobility Squadron at JBER began with the 616th Military Airlift Support Squadron (MASS), which was activated on 27 Dec 1965 at Tan Son Nhut Air Base (AB) in Vietnam. The Squadron was initially assigned to the 61 Military Airlift Wing on 8 Jan 1966.

From 1966-1973, the squadron supported numerous campaigns during the Vietnam war from its headquarters near Saigon and Detachment 1 at Phu Cat Air Base, and Detachment 2 at Bien Hoa Air Base.



616 MASS at Air Bases in the Vietnam Conflict

**732d Air Mobility Squadron Lineage and Honors (cont.)**

**Campaign Streamers.** Vietnam: Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966; Vietnam Air 1966; Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967-1968; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968; Vietnam Air/Ground 1968; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968-1969; TET 69/Counteroffensive 1969; Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969; Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969-1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970; Southwest Monsoon 1970; Commando Hunt V 1970-1971; Commando Hunt VI 1971; Commando Hunt VII 1971-1972; Vietnam Ceasefire 1972-1973.

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.** None.

**Decorations.** Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 8 -23 Jan 1966; 8 Jan-30 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967; 1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968; 1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1970; 1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1972; 1 Jul 1972-26 Mar 1973; 1 Jul 1986-31 May 1987; 1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1993; 1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996; 1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999; 1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001; 1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003; 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. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Gold Star: 23 Oct-27 Nov 1972.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 10 Apr 2022.

**732d Air Mobility Squadron Lineage  
and Honors**

**Lineage.** Constituted as 616 Military Airlift Support Squadron and activated on 27 Dec 1965. Organized on 8 Jan 1966. Inactivated on 26 Mar 1973. Redesignated 616 Military Airlift Group on 30 Oct 1975. Activated on 1 Nov 1975. Redesignated 616 Airlift Support Squadron on 1 Jun 1992; 632 Air Mobility Support Squadron on 1 Jul 1994; 732 Air Mobility Squadron on 15 Mar 2001.

**Assignments.** 61 Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966; 69 Military Airlift Support Group, 8 Jul 1966; 61 Military Airlift Support Wing, 1 Jan 1972-26 Mar 1973. Twenty-Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1975; 834 Airlift Division, 9 Aug 1990; Twenty-Second Air Force 1 Apr 1992; 619 Airlift Support Group, 1 Jun 1992; 615 Air Mobility (later 715 Air Mobility Operations) Group, 1 Jul 1994.

**Stations.** Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jan 1966-26 Mar 1973. Elmendorf AFB, AK, 1 Nov 1975-.

**Service Streamers.** None.



Between 1968 and 1974, Tan Son Nhut was one of the busiest military airbases in the world.

Pan American Airlines schedules from 1973 showed Boeing 747 military charters were operated four times a week from Saigon to San Francisco via Guam and Manila. Continental Airlines operated up to 30 Boeing 707 military charters per week to and from Tan Son Nhut in Saigon during the 1968-74 period.



C47 Skytrains at Tan Son

**Gallantry of the 616 MASS**

On the night of 30-31 Jan 1968 the Tet Offensive began with an attack on Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, along with hundreds of cities and 20 airbases. Enemy forces attempted to neutralize the two main airbases near the capital - Bien Hoa and Tan Son Nhut. The 616 MASS and its detachments at Bien Hoa AB and Phu Cat AB came under fire during rocket and mortar attacks on the flight line, and at Bien Hoa participated in repelling successive infantry attacks.



Bien Hoa Air Base, Tet Offensive, Jan-Feb 1968

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The Tet Offensive failed at Bien Hoa and across South Vietnam, however the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) continued artillery, rocket and sapper attacks late into 1972. The members of the 616 MASS were awarded 17 campaign streamers for its participation in offensive and defensive operation from 1966 to 1973 and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Gold Star of its actions from 23 Oct-27 Nov 1972.



An aircraft destroyed during the Tet attacks at Bien Hoa.

The cease-fire agreement signed by the U.S. at the Paris Peace Accords on 23 Jan 1973 directing foreign troops to withdraw from active hostilities within 60 days. The 616 MASS participated in OPERATION COUNTDOWN marking the formal end of US involvement in the Vietnam conflict supporting the removal of the last US troops from the country. It was from Tan Son Nhut Air Base that the last U.S. Airman left South Vietnam in March 1973. The 616th Military Airlift Support Squadron, and its detachment located in Vietnam were inactivated on 26 Mar 1973, returning the air bases to South Vietnamese control.



Aerial photo of Bien Hoa AB, July 1968

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### Higher Headquarters

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**Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska**



**515th Air Mobility Operations Wing**  
**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii**



**USAF Expeditionary Center**  
**Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey**



**Air Mobility Command**  
**Scott Air Force Base, Illinois**





## 732d Air Mobility Squadron



Following the major reorganizations of mobility assets between 1992 and 1994, the squadron was first re-designated the 616th Airlift Support Squadron in Jun 1992; and then two years later the 632nd Air Mobility Support Squadron in Jul 1994 under the 834 Airlift Division, and finally the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron as one of six squadrons of the 715th Air Mobility Operations Group (AMOG) in March 2001.



The Squadron's heritage and daily operations demonstrate that Air Mobility Command's en route structure is flexible and shaped by the needs of our nation's security, establishing the appropriate level of authority, enhancing response time and agility to meet the changing theatre requirements and support to our customer, the combatant commanders. The 732 AMS provides agile en route capability to accelerate global air mobility for the warfighter throughout Alaska and the Pacific area of operations.



732 AMS load cargo onto a C-17 in support of Northern Edge 2021.

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C-5 Galaxy landing at Elmendorf AFB, AK, circa 1970.



In 1975 the squadron was reactivated at Elmendorf AFB and re-designated the 616th Military Airlift Group (MAG), supporting operations in the Alaskan Command as part of the Twenty-second Air Force. It's units were the 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron that flew C-130 airlift mission for the remote Aircraft Control Warning (ACW) stations; the 616th Aerial Port Squadron provided en route port services for heavy aircraft; the 616th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron conducted en route maintenance MAC strategic aircraft—C141 Starlifter, C-5 Galaxy, and VC-135/137 Nightingale; the 16th Mobile Aerial Port Flight provided unilateral training support to the 17 TAS; and in 1984 Det 1, 616 MAG stood up to provide Distinguished Visitor (DV) mission support for three C-12 aircraft.

Emblems of the 616 MAG (1975-1992).

