

4440 AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP



MISSION

4440 Aircraft Delivery Group mission was to deliver united states air force and military assistance program aircraft on worldwide basis.

LINEAGE

4440 Aircraft Delivery Group

STATIONS

Langley AFB, VA, 15 Jan 1958-15 Oct 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Sherod A. Santos

Col William K. Bush 1 Aug 1965

Col B. A. Hurlbut

Col Howard H. Dale, 20 Aug 1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Accomplished delivery of 908 aircraft of 36 different types. Air refueling responsibilities worldwide assumed by strategic air command. Increased personnel requirements for Southeast Asia created personnel shortages within group. For first time Pacific Flying Fish Route was the most heavily traversed. 1965

In mid-March 1969 WRAMA personnel met with those of TAC, 18th SOSq and 4440th Air Delivery Group to complete the AC-119K ferry configuration. The group picked the same route used in deploying the AC-119Gs (except for substituting Malmstrom AFB, Mont., for McClellan AFB) and readied a logistic plan for enroute support. Three 500-gallon rubberized fuel tanks would be installed in each aircraft, requiring the temporary removal of cockpit/cargo armor, 7.62-mm and 20-mm gun installations, the radar, and the flare launchers. In May 1969 WRAMA advised AFLC that final preparations for the ferry/deployment configuration were over. On May 20 it closed out its AC-119 Gunship Program Office and assigned further management of the gunship program to the Cargo Aircraft Systems Management Division."

On 8 July 1961, Headquarters, TAC inactivated the 836th Air Division and reassigned the 4440th Aircraft Delivery Group to the 4505th Air Refueling Wing, making the wing responsible for all TAC aerial refueling operations and for the ferrying of aircraft to overseas units.

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