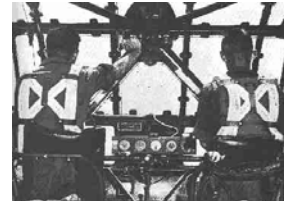


The 94th Troop Carrier Squadron (94 TCS) was activated on 1 Jun 1943. The aircraft assigned to this unit were the C-47 Skytrain and the C-46 Commando which served as cargo and troop carriers for the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. These aircraft were also towplanes for the Waco CG-4A glider. During World War II, 94 TCS earned numerous decorations for their participation in many important operations including the airborne assaults on Normandy, Rome-Arno, Holland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Germany. To recognize acts of bravery in the face of the enemy, the squadron earned the French Croix de Guerre (with palm) in 1944 from the French Government. The 94 TCS was deactivated on 31 Jul 1946; redesignated 94th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium) on 19 May 1949; activated in the reserve on 27 Jun 1949; ordered to active service on 1 Apr 1951 for the Korean War; and inactivated on 3 Apr 1951. For more history on WWII glider pilots, visit the following web sites: <http://www.ww2gp.org/> or <http://www.pointvista.com/WW2GliderPilots/index.htm> or <http://www.silentwingmuseum.com/>



Waco CG-4A Glider with Normandy Paint



Waco Aircrew



439th Troop Carrier Group Patch



USAF Museum Memorial Plaque



9th Air Force Patch, WWII



Clips of painting donated to 94 FTS by 91st Troop Carrier Squadron, 7 Dec 2001, titled "D-DAY-THE AIRBORNE ASSAULT" by Robert Taylor



Pictures of Waco CG-4A gliders strewn out in the fields of France after the D-Day invasion of Normandy, 6 Jun 44

A soaring and Aero Club was formed for cadets in 1956 while the Academy was located at Lowry AFB, CO. The Academy was forced to discontinue soaring when the sailplanes were destroyed by high winds in December 1958. The Aero Club moved to the Academy airstrip in October 1961, and the Soaring Club was reestablished the same year. Soaring became part of the Academy curriculum in December 1964. Four sailplanes were acquired through donations and non-appropriated funds. From its early roots, flight training was expanded to all cadets in 1970 with the establishment of the Soar-For-All program. Its mission is "to form the foundation of cadet exposure to aviation related activities, build character, and help motivate cadets toward a career in the United States Air Force."

The 94th Airmanship Training Squadron was founded in Oct 1983. It consisted of a "Jump" Flight and a "Soaring" Flight. The "Jump" flight was responsible for parachuting operations at USAFA. The "Soaring" flight managed the Soar-For-All program and its gliders. In 1995, the 94th Airmanship Training Squadron was broken up into the 98th Flying Training Squadron (whose primary mission is parachuting), and the 94th Flying Training Squadron (whose primary mission is soaring). The 94th Flying Training Squadron was also home to the USAFA Flying Team. The Flying Team resources include T-41D's (4), and C-150's (3) aircraft. In May 03 the Flying Team was reorganized under 557th Flying Training Squadron to streamline operations on the airfield.

94 FTS - Assignments

- 9th Air Force, 9th Troop Carrier Command,
- 50th Troop Carrier Wing, 439th Troop Carrier Group, 1 Jun 1943
- Third Air Force, 10 Jun-31 Jul 1946
- 439th Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951

94 FTS - Stations

- Alliance Army Airfield, NE, 1 Jun 1943
- Sedalia Army Airfield, MO, 15 Jun 1943
- Alliance Army Airfield, NE, 2 Aug 1943
- Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, NC, 19 Dec 1943
- Baer Field, IN, 2-12 Feb 1944
- Balderton, England, 6 Mar 1944
- Upton, England, 26 Apr 1944 (operated from Orbetello, Italy, 18 Jul-24 Aug 1944)
- Juvincourt, France, 8 Sep 1944
- Lonray, France, c. 28 Sep 1944
- Chateaudun, France, 6 Nov 1944-Jul 1945
- Baer Field, IN, Sep 1945
- Sedalia Army Airfield, MO, Oct 1945-31 Jul 1946
- Selfridge Air Force Base, MI, 7 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951

94 FTS – Aircraft

- C-47, 1943-1945
- C-46, 1945-1946
- CG-4A, 1943-1946
- TG-3A, 1960-2002
- TG-4A, 1970-2003
- TG-7A, 1984-2003
- TG-9A, 1984-2003
- TG-10B, 2002-Present
- TG-10C, 2002-Present
- TG-15A, 2006-Present
- TG-15B, 2006-Present

94 FTS - Operations

Airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany; relief of Bastogne; transportation of personnel and cargo in European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations during World War II.

94 FTS – Streamers

Service Streamers:

- American Theater

Campaign Streamers (Arrowhead attachment authorized for glider operations:

- Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- Rome-Arno 1944
- Normandy 1944
- Northern France 1944
- Southern France 1944
- Rhineland 1944 – 1945
- Ardennes-Alsace 1944 – 1945
- Central Europe 1945

94 FTS – Decorations

- Distinguished Unit Citation: France, [6-7] Jun 1944
- French Croix de Guerre with Palm: [6-7] Jun 1944; 15 Aug 1944
- French Fourragere
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) for 94 FTS
 - ❖ 1 Jan 89 - 31 Dec 90
 - ❖ 1 Sep 94 - 31 Oct 95
 - ❖ 1 Jan 97 - 31 Dec 97
 - ❖ 1 Jan 98 - 31 Oct 99
 - ❖ 1 Jan 00 - 31 Oct 01

- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (AFOEA) for 94 FTS
 - ❖ 1 Sep 92 - 31 Aug 94