



914th Airlift Wing **SNAPSHOT**

A summary of facts and figures

July—September 2016

- **Mission:** The mission of the 914th Airlift Wing is to provide a Current, Qualified, Mission-Ready Force.
- **Vision Statement:** The 914 AW will remain a Rapid Global Mobility and Agile Combat Support force through leadership, a culture of innovation, and development of vested Citizen Airmen.
- **Team Niagara:** One Team, One Fight. The Team Niagara concept: a joint effort of our region's Citizen Airmen and Soldiers working together to provide our nation's homeland defense.
- **Core Values:** Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do.
- **Distinctive Capabilities:** Agile combat support; intra-theater airlift; technical expertise; operational experience;

Basic Facts

- Established 1944 as 3rd Combat Cargo Squadron
- Designated MAJCOM: Air Force Reserve Command
- Total Personnel Assigned: 1,627
- Command Structure: The 914 AW is comprised of three groups and 12 squadrons
- Retention Rate : 89.9%

Niagara Falls ARS Tenant Units

- 107th Airlift Wing
- Buffalo Military Entrance Processing Station
- The 2nd Squadron 101st Cavalry
- The 277th Quartermaster Company
- The 865th Combat Surgical Hospital
- The 1982nd Forward Surgical Team

The overarching vision of Team Niagara is the combined efforts of the Air Force & Army Reserve; New York National Guard both Army and Air; and MEPS on one installation as Citizen Airmen and Soldiers working together to accomplish a common mission

Personnel Assigned

- Traditional Reserve and ART: 1,321
- Active Guard Reserve: 47
- Contract Civilian: 91
- Civilian/ART: 208/188

Leadership

- Wing Commander: Col. Brian S. Bowman
- Vice Commander: Col. Daniel Sarachene
- 914th Ops Group.: Col. Joseph Janik
- 914th Msn Spt. Grp.: Col. Patrick Erdman
- 914th Maintenance Group: Col. Dorneen Shipp
- Command Chief Master Sgt.: CMSgt Ken Eason

For a complete list of 914 AW biographies, visit our website at <http://www.niagara.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>

914 AW Aircraft

- Eight C-130H2 aircraft maintained and flown by Air Force Reservists
- The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the Air Force's airlift mission
- C-130 aircraft are capable of operating from austere locations and are the prime transport for insertion of airborne forces and equipment into hostile areas
- AFRC inter-fly for mission accomplishment

For more information on the C-130 aircraft, visit the C-130 fact sheet on our website at <http://newpreview.afnews.af.mil/niagara/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15964>

Economic Impact

- Number of Indirect Jobs Created: 420
- Annual \$ Value of Jobs Created: \$18,716,880
- Annual Payroll: \$55,976,508
- Total Economic Impact: \$88,136,292
- The Niagara Falls ARS is the largest employer in Niagara County

914 AW Aircraft History

- C-47 Skytrain (1944—52)
- C-119 Boxcar (1952—70)
- C-130 Hercules (1970—Present)

Current Status

- **The 914th Airlift, host unit of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to Air and Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and the Buffalo Military Entrance Processing Station.**
- **The 914th Airlift Wing will continue to ensure mission readiness through training, exercises and inspections.**
- **The wing will also develop Airmen in technical prowess and a whole-person concept; focusing on physical, spiritual, emotional and social wellness.**
- **Construction of building for C-130 regional simulator is underway. This state of the art simulator will have full motion and visibility and will be an asset for other Guard and Reserve units as well.**
- **As the largest employer in Niagara County, the 914th Airlift Wing continues to work in conjunction with community leaders and the Niagara Military Affairs Council to be positive contributing members of our local community and maintain a presence in WNY.**

Current Installation Construction Projects

- **C-130 Flight Simulator Facility, in progress, \$6.1M, estimated completion August 2016**
- **Construction Addition to Vehicle Maintenance, partial acceptance, occupancy Apr '16**
- **Add/Alter Bldg. 807 for Command Post, in progress, \$697K, 4th Qtr FY16 completion**
- **Replace Taxiway Lights , 95% design, \$1.4M**
- **Bldg. 800 Renovation, Demo Apr '16, construction May '16, \$12.2M**
- **Upgrade Mass Notification in 18 facilities, 4th Qtr FY16, \$540K**
- **Repair Delta Row on Ramp, 4th Qtr FY16 Project, \$4.0M**
- **Construct EOD Proficiency Range, 100% designed, 4th Qtr FY16 Project, \$250K**
- **Construct New Water Supply, 100% designed, 4th Qtr FY16 project, \$216K**
- **Walmore Gate Redesign, 65% designed, start 4th Qtr FY16, \$33K**

From the Top

The Air Force Reserve currently faces new challenges requiring us to change how we accomplish our mission and serve our Airmen, families, employers and the local community. We are experiencing an increased operations tempo of Airmen deploying with greater frequency and duration. The men and women of the 914th Airlift Wing are prepared to face these challenges head on.

The 914th Airlift Wing is conscious of the fiscal constraints and has developed priorities of sustaining a mission-ready force, recruiting, training and retaining the highest quality personnel, developing Airmen, communicating at all levels of the chain of command and improving, maintaining and modernizing installation facilities for current and future use. These five priorities will guide the actions of the 914th Airlift Wing indefinitely.

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is located in the heart of a richly historic area whose military history predates the American Revolution. Our unique proximity to the Canadian border allows us to support agencies such as the Dept. of Homeland Defense, Canadian/American Law Enforcement Org., Transportation Security Admin., Border Patrol and DEA by enabling them to conduct training and real world operations.

We are extremely proud of our Airmen and also of the tremendous relationship that we have fostered with the local community that supports them. We look forward to the future and continue to strive for ongoing growth in future joint missions.

Unique Missions

- **Intra-theater Airlift**
- **Aeromedical Evacuation**
- **Agile Combat Support**

Interesting Facts about Niagara ARS

- **The Niagara Falls International Airport opened in 1928 as a city-owned municipal airport with four crushed-stone runways.**
- **During WWII, the US Army Air Forces assumed control of the airport and upgraded its facilities to be used as an Army Air Force Base. After the war, the base became a Reserve and National Guard installation, and an AFR and ANG installation in 1947 following the establishment of the USAF.**
- **The base was included in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations issued by the Department of Defense.**
- **Due to a local grassroots campaign by families and associates of affected military personnel, coupled with a united political effort, the BRAC recommendation regarding the installation was largely overturned and the base will remain open for the foreseeable future.**

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914 AW Snapshot Information

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