



914th Airlift Wing SNAPSHOT

A summary of facts and figures

May 2014

- **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; tactical air delivery; aeromedical evacuation.

Basic Facts

- Established 1944 as 3rd Combat Cargo Squadron
- Designated MAJCOM: Air Force Reserve Command
- Total Personnel Assigned: 1,551
- Command Structure: The 914 AW is comprised of three groups and 12 squadrons
- Retention Rate (Apr—Sep 2013): 95.9%

Personnel Assigned

- Traditional Reserve and ART: 1,365
- Active Guard Reserve: 47
- Contract Civilian: 65
- Other Civilian: 74

914 AW Aircraft

- Nine C-130H2 aircraft maintained and flown by both Air Force Reservists & Guardsmen
- 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/ANG 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>

914 AW Aircraft History

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

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

Leadership

- Wing Commander: Col. Steven Parker
- Vice Commander: Col. Daniel Sarachene
- 914th Ops Group: Lt. Col. Patrick Campbell
- 914th Mission Spt. Group: Col. Alan Teauseau
- 914th Maintenance Group: Col. Dorneen Shipp
- Command Chief Master Sgt.: CMSgt. Clint Ronan

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

Economic Impact

- Number of Indirect Jobs Created: 432
- Annual \$ Value of Jobs Created: \$19,161,792
- Annual Payroll: \$52,662,509
- Total Economic Impact: \$83,864,956
- The Niagara Falls ARS is the largest employer in Niagara County

Current Status

- The 914th and 107th Airlift Wings previously teamed together to form the first ever tactical airlift Air Reserve Component (ARC) Association between ANG and AFRC, however this association ended December 31st of last year as the 107th has begun a transition to MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft.
- A recent memorandum of understanding between the 914th and 107th has enabled Air Guard aircrews to continue flying missions supporting the 914th through the end of FY14.
- Due to the end of the association, the 914th has begun relocating maintenance personnel and equipment, Aircrew Flight Equipment, portions of the Operations Support Squadron, and the Command Post.
- Elements of Logistic Readiness will stay associated where makes sense to retain efficiencies of scale.
- Construction of building for C-130 simulator to commence this fiscal year. This state-of-the-art simulator will have full motion and visibility and will be a regional asset for other Guard and Reserve units as well.
- New combat arms training facility fully operational, currently writing memorandum of understanding for use by outside agencies.

From the Top

The Air Force Reserve currently faces new challenges that require 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 with Airmen deploying with greater frequency and duration. The men and women of the 914th Airlift Wing and Team Niagara are prepared to face these challenges head on.

Our current association with the 107th Airlift Wing ended Dec. 31st of CY13. It enabled us to work alongside our ANG neighbors and create some unique efficiencies that will endure. These efficiencies have allowed us to provide the nation with an Air Force that is second to none. Whether it is a humanitarian relief mission, natural disaster help or a contingency operation; Team Niagara will continue to be ready and able to answer the call.

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.

Current Installation Construction Projects

- Repair of various roofs underway, \$310K
- Demolition / Alteration of Bldg. 626, \$700K
- Install Occupancy Sensors & Special Devices for energy conservation, \$731K
- Construct EOD Proficiency Range, in design \$130K
- Construct New Water Supply in design, \$216K
- C-130 Flight Simulator Facility, award expected Mar 2014, kickoff in 30-60 days, \$6.1M
- Construct Addition to Vehicle Maintenance, Bldg. 920, \$1.8M
- Total current construction projects for FY14 estimated at approximately \$15M. These projects are contracted out to local businesses whenever possible and contribute to our positive impact on the surrounding community

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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