



VF-23 Military Air Transport Service (MATS) 1

Activated on 1st June 1948, the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) was a consolidation of the US Naval Air Transport Service and the USAF Air Transport Command.

MATS provided world-wide transport of cargo and personnel until 8th January 1966. It was organized into 3 major transport divisions:

Atlantic
Pacific
Continental (US)

These PTMV flights replicate actual routes (and route names) flown by the Domestic Section of the MATS Continental Division. Some of the original destinations used are no longer active and current names are supplied.

Suggested Aircraft

C-54 Skymaster
C-74 Globemaster
C-118 Liftmaster
C-121 Super Constellation
C-124 Globemaster II
C-133 Cargomaster
C-135 Stratolifter
C-141A Starlifter
VC-137 (Special Air Missions)

Mission Legs

"The General Pershing"

1. Fly from Fairfield Suisun AAB (now Travis AFB KSUU) to Sacramento Air Depot (now McClellan KMCC) – 36nm.
2. Fly from Sacramento (KMCC) to Ogden, UT (now Hill AFB KHIF) – 459nm.
3. Fly from Ogden (KHIF) to Great Falls AAB, MT (now Great Falls Intl KGTF) – 384nm.

"The Samaritan"

4. Fly from Chicopee, MA (now Westover ARB/Metro KCEF) to Ronald Reagan National Airport Washington DC (KDCA) – 287nm.
5. Fly from Washington, DC (KDCA) to Macon, GA (now Robins AFB KWRB) – 491nm.

NOTAMS:

Total flight distance 1,657nm.

5 flights required for ribbon credit.