

# 176 SERVICES FLIGHT

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

176 Services Flight

## **STATIONS**

Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

176 Mission Support Group

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Don Headly

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 176 Services flight personnel have a demanding wartime tasking which requires considerable training effort. Concurrently they have the equally important function of keeping the Services

peacetime operation running smoothly.

The objectives of the Prime RIBS Program is to provide food service, billeting, field laundry, and mortuary services to include search and recovery of remains, to Air National Guard personnel in support of the ANG mission.

Services has organized, trained and equipped its personnel to support these tasking during natural disasters, major accidents, wartime, and other contingencies.

Most Kulis personnel are familiar with the services functions that they see limited to the HOBBS Hall dining operations each UTA. Although routinely feeding 350 people each lunch meal, the preparations that go into that operation are behind the scene in the kitchen. Services folks begin their day at 0500 hrs and continue until 1500-1600.

Food preparation and cooking are tedious and time consuming. But like fine restaurants, they are professionally organized and managed. A dining hall supervisor establishes the menu to serve then coordinates the quantities needed, purchase of, delivery, and progressive means to which it will be prepared.

At the same time, there are services supervisors, services specialists and storeroom personnel busy with this coordinated effort. They must also split their workload so that a large portion of the team may be available for training in the areas of field laundry operations, billeting, personnel locator, mortuary services and search and recovery procedures.

Once deployed, Services personnel immediately establish billeting and food service for deployed forces either at fixed facilities, like support bases, or in the field which require setting up tents and field kitchen equipment.

The 176th SVF is a deployable force that has supported missions in Guam, England, Japan, Germany, and countless missions in the lower 48. They are trained and equipped to respond on short notice, worldwide with a demonstrated capability.

When notified, the mobile unit can respond, process and be on their way within 28 hours.

One of the least visible but more important aspects of the services career field is Mortuary affairs. Services units coordinate all logistic functions incident to the recovery, identification, care, and disposition of the remains of deceased military personnel meeting peace and wartime needs.

Training for wartime tasks involves all aspects of air base ground defense and survivability. Weapons training, defense training, and combat operations are all part of services preparations. Team members are also trained to be vehicle operators on fork lifts, trucks, and other related equipment. Being prepared makes this unit an efficient support team.

Services Flight provides essential support and peacetime jobs may not seem as glamorous as

others, but not one base function can operate at its peak of performance for long without Services assistance. Responsibilities run the gamut from food service, billeting, and linen support, to mortuary operations.

The mission and main goal is to provide customer service to units on a professional level with the customer as our top priority.

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