

459 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

459 Tactical Hospital constituted, 30 Dec 1954
Activated in the Reserve, 26 Jan 1955
Discontinued, and inactivated, 17 Jan 1963
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976
Redesignated 459 USAF Clinic, 1 Jul 1986
Redesignated 459 Medical Squadron, 1 Oct 1994
Redesignated 459 Aerospace Medicine Squadron on 1 Jul 2000

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 26 Jan 1955-17 Jan 1963
Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Jul 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

459 Troop Carrier Wing, 26 Jan 1955-17 Jan 1963
459 Tactical Airlift (Later, 459 Military Airlift; 459 Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1976
459 Medical Group, 1 Aug 1992; 459 Airlift (later, 459 Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Apr 1997

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Nov 1978-31 Oct 1980

1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983

1 Jan 1984-31 Dec 1985

1 Sep 1990-30 Jun 1991

1 Oct 1990-30 Sep 1992

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995

1 May 2002-30 Apr 2004

1 Jan 2005-31 Dec 2006

EMBLEM

459 USAF Clinic emblem: on an ultramarine azured disc, a gules cross ordered with or is placed at fess point. The cross is bordered with or. An or lion, facing dexter is surmounted over the cross also at fess point. The lion's right paw is lifted and his tail is erect. The disc is bordered with or. Two or scrolls are attached above and below the disc. The scrolls are also bordered with or. The scroll above is blank. The one below is lettered with sable and bears the unit's motto "health-valor-pride. **SIGNIFICANCE:** ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are used in the design. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow represents the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The red of the cross reflects the blood of life, courage and patriotism. Gold, as reflected in the lion and cross border, refers to the value the unit places in the qualities of vigor, wisdom and determination exhibited by assigned members. The black lettering of the scroll and detail of the emblem profess sorrow and sympathy or the afflicted. (Approved, 28 Sep 1990)



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OPERATIONS

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Sources
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