

722 AEROMEDICAL STAGING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

722 Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Constituted

Activated

Inactivated, 1 Dec 2007

STATIONS

Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Debra L. Waddell

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, an apple on its side Gules stem to sinister Vert, overall the Rod of Aesculapius Sable entwined by two snakes of the third, eyed Or and langued Black, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "722D AEROMEDICAL STAGING SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "PROUDLY WE SERVE" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The apple is the symbol for health. The Rod of Aesculapius signifies the medical profession.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

12/12/2007 A ceremony was held in final salute to the 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron Nov. 4 at the Community Club at Fort Hamilton Army Post, Brooklyn, N.Y., commemorating the unit's inactivation at the end of November. The Reserve squadron was a geographically separated squadron of the 514th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Closure of the squadron was a result of the Air Force Reserve Command's reductions and are in support Air Force Missions in the future. Goodbyes echoed and tears streamed as more than 150 squadron members, along with their families and friends, attended the closing ceremony of the unit credited with 42 years of service.

Commander Col. Debra L. Waddell recognized outstanding performers at the ceremony and presented Meritorious Service, Commendation, and Achievement medals. "This unit was defined by diversity. Everyone came together with their ideas while respecting and accepting one another," said Colonel Waddell. "We were like our own little island, supporting and taking care of each other. We really were a close family here," she stated of the separated unit.

The 722nd ASTS began Feb. 3, 1965 as the 34th Medical Service Evacuation Squadron, along with a sister unit, the 35th Medical Service Evacuation Squadron. The two units replaced the 635th Hospital at Mitchell Field, Garden City, N.Y., which was deactivated June 1965. The 34th MSES relocated from the U.S. Coast Guard Base, Governors Island, N.Y., to Roslyn Air National Guard Station, N.Y in 1987. In October of 1990, 68 members deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. While deployed the unit underwent a name change, as the medical service evacuation squadrons were renamed Aeromedical Patient Staging Squadrons. In October 1994, the unit was renamed the 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Throughout the years squadron members supported numerous operations to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle. Volunteer deployments continued until June 2007. Technical Sgt. Joan L. Gregg, medical technician, shared her reflections on the unit's deactivation. "I recently joined the 722nd in April 2007," said Sergeant Gregg. "It was very small and unique and I liked the idea that it was the only Air Force squadron on an Army (post), but I am very sad. I was working on growing in rank here and wanted to take advantage of learning from the strong influence of this small group."

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