

40 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

The primary mission of the 40 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is to evacuate wounded DoD members from areas of conflict during contingency or wartime periods. The aeromedical movement of ill or injured DoD members and their dependents is a direct peacetime by product of the necessary training required to maintain equipment readiness and medical crew proficiency.

LINEAGE

40 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 1959
Inactivated, 1994

STATIONS

Vancouver, WA,
Portland IAP, Oregon
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Mar 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

Sixth Air Force Reserve Region
941 Military Airlift Group, 1 Jan 1967
940 Military Airlift Group, 2 Jun 1969

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a yellow disc a blue sphere banded by a red cross, overall a yellow flight symbol bendwise surmounted by a lamp of knowledge over which is a rod entwined by a serpent all silver gray. Attached below the disc a blank yellow scroll. The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron and displays the Air Force colors of ultramarine blue and golden yellow. Ultramarine blue depicts the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned duties. The blue sphere, encompassed by the red cross, represents the world-wide capabilities and responsibilities of the Aeromedical Evacuation System. The replica of the emblem on the Flight Nurse's wings, superimposed on the winged arrow represents nursing care of the sick and injured on aircraft with speed, safety, and comfort.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Created by Special Order of 4th, 8 July 1958 as the first Aeromedical Evacuation Unit in Air Force Reserves, the primary mission of the 40th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is C-141 inter-theater aeromedical evacuation of ill or injured Department of Defense (DOD) members, support and combat forces, as directed at any time. The Aeromedical Evacuation of ill or injured DOD recipients is a direct peacetime by-product of the necessary training required to maintain aeromedical crew proficiency and equipment readiness.

40th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was formed in Vancouver, WA in 1959. In 1961, the

squadron moved to the Portland IAP, in Oregon. Ten years later, they moved to McChord AFB. In 1994, the 40th AES was inactivated.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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