

# 43 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

439 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, 27 Dec 1965  
Organized, 8 Jan 1966  
Redesignated 439 Aerial Port Squadron, 8 Jul 1967  
Inactivated, 24 Dec 1968  
Redesignated 43 Aerial Port Squadron, 20 Jul 1981  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1981

## STATIONS

Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 8 Jan 1966-24 Dec 1968  
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1981

## ASSIGNMENTS

Military Airlift Command, 27 Dec 1965  
439 Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966-24 Dec 1968  
433 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1981

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Participated in actual and simulated air cargo, mail, and passenger transport handling operations in support of the 439th Military Airlift Group, the 322 Air Division, and the Military Airlift Command in the western European area, 1966-1968.

Ten members of the 43 MAPS conducted their annual active duty tour at Lajes AB, Azores, 14-28 May. The availability of training was excellent as personnel were fully integrated into the port operation and performed such duties as ATOC controller, passenger service reps and ramp coordinator. 141 tons of cargo were processed by the reservists. Because of the shortage of active duty Air Force personnel assigned to Lajes and the fact that the base was a port operation type facility, the reservists were able to provide the much needed additional manpower while receiving OJT experience. The reserve officer in charge recommended that reserve units continue to be assigned to Lajes for active duty tours. He also indicated that Lajes was in critical need of vehicle maintenance and repair personnel to service the 463L equipment and further recommended that such reserve personnel be included on future AD tours

1990, Because of Desert Shield, the 43d Aerial Port Squadron did not have the resources for the needed C-5's training for static loading/unloading. The 43d demonstrated overwhelming abilities while on annual tour status at Tinker AFB, in November and December. Three members of the 43d volunteered for a 30-day tour at Dover AFB, Delaware in support of Desert Shield.

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