

69 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

69 Aeromedical Evacuation Flight

Constituted, activated, and allotted to the Air Force Reserve

Activated, 1 Jan 1967

69 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

McChord AFB, WA

McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Mar 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Air Force Reserve Region

945 Tactical Airlift Group, 2 Jun 1969

903 Military Airlift Group (Associate), 1 Mar 1971

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



The red, white, and blue disc rimmed with yellow. The top third being of blue background with a global representation. A white stripe horizontally across the center with alternating red and white stripes descending from it. Superimposed over the middle red stripe is a yellow winged Caduceus which extends to the blue field. Below the disc is a yellow rimmed scroll. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem contains the Air Force & Squadron colors. The AF colors of Ultramarine blue and golden yellow signify the sky primary theater of AF operations and the Sun excellence required of AF personnel respectively. The winged Caduceus signifies Medicine in flight, the Squadron's mission. The Global Representation Mercator projection is symbolic of the Squadron's Worldwide Aeromedical Evacuation coverage. The Horizontal white bar signifies the humanitarian attempts to bridge the distance between a patient and the despair of illness and injury to the location of best medical care.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In May of 1976 our squadron assisted in the movement of patients from the Old Sailors Home in Philadelphia to Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

March 27-30: 1977 When two 747s collided on the runway at Tenerife in the Canary Islands, the 69th AES from McGuire AFB, NJ volunteered a medical crew within three hours to evacuate survivors. Air Force nurses accompanied survivors of the crash on a C-130 to Las Palmas in the Canary Islands and then continued on a C-141 to the continental United States.

The Grenada Rescue Operation, Urgent Fury, and the Hurricane Hugo relief at St. Croix, Virgin Islands also found 69 AES personnel present and ready to assist.

When the call for volunteers came for Operation Desert Shield, once again the 69th AES responded. Within hours of its initial deployment alert on 8 August 1990, 55 AE crew members and Operations Personnel were ready for action. From the initial deployment through the post-cessation fire wind-down, 69 AES members were instrumental in the establishment and smooth operation of the wartime Theater Aeromedical Evacuation System (TAES). In all, by the 28 February cessation-fire, 185 of the squadron's 220 available mission qualified personnel had been activated and deployed in support of Desert Storm.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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