

## 86 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

86 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, 22 Mar 1960  
Organized in the Reserve, 8 Jun 1960  
Redesignated as 86 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Jul 1967  
Ordered to Active Service, 13 May 1968  
Relieved from Active Duty, 12 Dec 1968

### STATIONS

McChord AFB, WA, 8 Jun 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

2648 Air Reserve Center, 8 Jun 1960  
2477 Air Force Reserve Sector, 1 Jul 1961  
Sixth Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1965  
62 Military Airlift Wing, 13 May 1968  
Sixth Air Force Reserve Region, 12 Dec 1968  
Western Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969  
446 Military Air1ift (later, 446 Airlift) Wing, 1 Aug 1973  
446 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992  
446 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

### COMMANDERS

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1982-31 Aug 1984

1 Aug 1990-31 Jul 1992

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

2 Jul 1966-12 Dec 1968

## EMBLEM



On an Air Force blue globe, its axis bendwise, gridlines Air Force golden yellow, an Air Force golden yellow equilateral triangle throughout, one point up; all surmounted by a brown arrow and green olive branch in saltire below three stylized white delta-winged aircraft, flying fesswiss in a "V" formation; outlines Air Force blue throughout. On a white scroll, edged and inscribed Air Force blue, PARANTES PARATI, To Prepare is to be Prepared. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The three aircraft signify the squadron's ability to transport personnel, cargo and personal effects by air in support of the three services

represented by the triangle on a worldwide basis indicated by the globe. The olive branch, superimposed with the arrow, symbolizes the ability of the squadron to support mercy and good will missions as well as combat missions of the armed forces. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow. (Approved, 27 Oct 1961)

### **MOTTO**

Parantes Parati--To prepare--is to be prepared

### **OPERATIONS**

President Lyndon B. Johnson mobilized Air Force Reserve airlift forces in January 1968 in response to the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo. On 13 May, to replace shortages in the Strategic Reserve, the Air Force mobilized three aerial port squadrons. The aerial port units involved were: 82d APS (Travis AFB, CA). 86th APS (McChord AFB, WA), and the 88th APS (McGuire AFB, NJ). The three aerial port squadrons were assimilated into Military Airlift Command aerial port operations at Travis, McChord, and McGuire, but members of the 88th APS deployed on temporary duty to the Republic of Korea in July to augment aerial port organizations.

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USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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### Sources

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