

156th AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON

LINEAGE

156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight constituted 16 Jan 1964
Redesignated 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 16 Oct 1991

STATIONS

Charlotte, NC

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Fred T. Brown, Jr., #1998

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight constituted and allotted to the state of North Carolina. These units were then designated, organized, and assigned to the 145th Air Transport Group (Heavy).

156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight activate and participate in Operation Desert Storm, 1989
The 1990s saw a rapid increase in the tempo of AE operations. In 1990, the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was the first aeromedical unit to respond to Iraqi aggression against Kuwait. In August 1990, 21 personnel deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of the American Forces build-up. During Desert Shield/Storm, 78 squadron personnel deployed and were involved in the evacuation of over 3,000 wounded, injured and sick coalition forces and enemy POWs. The 156 AES received two Battle streamers, 42 Air Force Commendation Medals and 58 Kuwaiti Liberation Medals. Col Fred T. Brown, 156 AES Commander, was awarded the Bronze Star, becoming the first member of the NCANG to receive a combat decoration since Vietnam. In May of 1991, after the cessation of hostilities in Southwest Asia, 156 AES personnel re-deployed to northern Iraq for Operation Provide Comfort. This operation was intended to blunt Iraqi government repression of the Kurdish people and refocused the 156 AES from a simply combat-casualty perspective to combat-casualty and public health issues related to a large refugee population.

In May 1997, the 156th Airlift Squadron provided airlift support for the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron mission to Moldova, a former province of the Soviet Union.

The 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight was realigned without change of mission, location or authorized strength gaining command for the 156th AEF became Tactical Air Command, in lieu of Military Airlift Command, and attached to the 145th Support Squadron, NCANG, for administrative and logistical support.

The 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, NCANG, was redesignated as the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, NCANG, effective 16 October 1991, without change in station, strength or date of Federal Recognition.

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