

45 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

45 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron constituted, 18 Feb 1959

Activated in the Reserve, 14 Apr 1959

Inactivated, 1 Mar 1970

45 Aeromedical Evacuation Flight constituted, 7 Jan 1970

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Mar 1970

45 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 45 Aeromedical Evacuation Flight consolidated, 1 Nov 1990. Consolidated unit designated 45 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 2008

STATIONS

Richards-Gebaur AFB, 14 Apr 1959

Selfridge AFB, MI, 8 Jan 1961-1 Mar 1970

Selfridge AFB (later, Selfridge ANG Base), MI, 1 Mar 1970-1 Oct 1994

MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Oct 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

4 Aeromedical Evacuation Group, 14 Apr 1959

936 Military Airlift Group, 1 Jan 1967

936 Military Airlift (later, 936 Tactical Airlift) Group, 1 Mar 1970

927 Tactical Airlift (later, 927 Airlift; 927 Air Refueling) Group, 1 Mar 1972
927 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-1 Oct 1994
927 Operations Group, 1 Oct 2008

ATTACHMENTS

2653 Air Reserve Center, 14 Apr 1959-Jul 1960

COMMANDERS

Col James Palmisano, May 2015
Lt Col Carolyn Dale, 6 Apr 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Nov 1978-31 Oct 1980

EMBLEM



45 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron constituted emblem: On a blue disc edged yellow, between 4 yellow five pointed stars, 2 and 2, in upper left a white globe with land masses outlined in

black and with black grid lines, a yellow chain encircling the globe diagonally, and in lower right and partially extending over the globe, a red cross edged white and bearing a white silhouette of an aeromedical evacuation aircraft surmounted vertically by a white staff of Aesculapius, a white lightning flash issuing from each of the lower edges of the horizontal arms of the cross and a white lightning flash conjoining the right edge of the upper vertical arm of the cross. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The blue background represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, the Red Cross, aeromedical evacuation aircraft and staff of Aesculapius, the international mercy mission aspects of the squadron, the globe encircled by the chain signifying its world-wide evacuation activities and the stars and lightning flashes the basic Air Force mission and operations. (Approved, 9 Jul 1963)



45 Aeromedical Evacuation Flight





On a disc bendwise sinister Azure and Celeste, a lightning bolt Or surmounting a contrail emitting from base palewise Argent; in dexter a pair of flight wings elevated and addorsed bearing a cross Gules and issuant from base two contrails arced to dexter and sinister chief; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “DELIVERING AMERICA’S PROMISE” in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “45 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQ” in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The flight wings and cross represent the Squadron’s aeromedical humanitarian and wartime mission. The contrails symbolize the unit’s air superiority in homeland defense, humanitarian missions, and aeromedical evacuations worldwide. The lightning bolt refers to the Squadron’s high level of commitment to the mission and the United States Air Force. (Approved, 15 Sep 2008)

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Sources

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