

459 AEROMEDICAL STAGING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

459 Aeromedical Staging Squadron constituted, 9 Sep 1994
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

459 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1994
459 Airlift (later, 459 Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Apr 1997

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Oct 1994]-30 Sep 1995

1 May 2002-30 Apr 2004

1 Jan 2005-31 Dec 2006

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An Air Force disc or is divided diagonally by a sable checkered background from dexter chief to sinister base. A gules cross is centered on the disc. An argent caduceus is surmounted on the cross over all. The disc is bordered with ultramarine azure. An or scroll is attached below the disc. The scroll, which is blank is also bordered with ultramarine azure. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design. blue represents the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The Geneva Red cross identifies the medical noncombatant mission of the unit. The black detailing and checkered background allude to the shared global mission of the host wing and a shared heraldic feature reflecting its proud history during World War II. (Approved, 9 Sep 1997)

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OPERATIONS

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Will Mosier of the Air Force Reserve's 459 Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., feeds a malnourished 3-month-old baby during a two-week humanitarian mission to El Salvador in March. Colonel Mosier also provided medical counseling to the baby's mother. A total of 33 Air Force members, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, optometrists, dentists, gynecologists and medical technicians, participated in the deployment. During their two-week stay, members of the team provided basic medical care to approximately 7,500 people. They were assisted by members of the El Salvadoran military and local health-care providers. "I was really poor growing up," said Senior Airman Kathleen Fowler, 349th AMDS, Travis AFB, Calif. "I was probably 8 or 9 before I saw a dentist, so I can kind of relate, and I want to be able to help people who are less fortunate.

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Sources

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