

43 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

439 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, 27 Dec 1965
Organized, 8 Jan 1966
Redesignated 439 Aerial Port Squadron, 8 Jul 1967
Inactivated, 24 Dec 1968
Redesignated 43 Aerial Port Squadron, 20 Jul 1981
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1981

STATIONS

Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 8 Jan 1966-24 Dec 1968
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1981

ASSIGNMENTS

Military Airlift Command, 27 Dec 1965
439 Military Airlift Group, 8 Jan 1966-24 Dec 1968
433 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Aug 1981

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Participated in actual and simulated air cargo, mail, and passenger transport handling operations in support of the 439th Military Airlift Group, the 322 Air Division, and the Military Airlift Command in the western European area, 1966-1968.

Ten members of the 43 MAPS conducted their annual active duty tour at Lajes AB, Azores, 14-28 May. The availability of training was excellent as personnel were fully integrated into the port operation and performed such duties as ATOC controller, passenger service reps and ramp coordinator. 141 tons of cargo were processed by the reservists. Because of the shortage of active duty Air Force personnel assigned to Lajes and the fact that the base was a port operation type facility, the reservists were able to provide the much needed additional manpower while receiving OJT experience. The reserve officer in charge recommended that reserve units continue to be assigned to Lajes for active duty tours. He also indicated that Lajes was in critical need of vehicle maintenance and repair personnel to service the 463L equipment and further recommended that such reserve personnel be included on future AD tours

1990, Because of Desert Shield, the 43d Aerial Port Squadron did not have the resources for the needed C-5's training for static loading/unloading. The 43d demonstrated overwhelming abilities while on annual tour status at Tinker AFB, in November and December. Three members of the 43d volunteered for a 30-day tour at Dover AFB, Delaware in support of Desert Shield.

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