

## 57 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

57 Aerial Port Squadron

### STATIONS

Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts, 29 Jun 1971

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Maj Philip Swissler, Jr.

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### EMBLEM

A disc segmented in three parts, red in base, blue at top right and yellow at top left; on the red segment a white cargo pallet with yellow and blue details, on the blue segment a red stylized

aircraft, and on the yellow segment issuant from base a white representation of the Minuteman statue with blue details and outlines, all within a narrow blue border. Attached above the disc a blank yellow scroll edged blue and below a yellow scroll edged blue inscribed "READINESS IS ALL" in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The Minuteman statue symbolizes the geographical location of the 57th Aerial Port Squadron Reserve Unit, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA. in the Lexington-Concord area, location of the minuteman statue which represents the reservists of the nation. The aircraft alludes to the mission of the unit working with different cargo aircraft in the on loading and off loading of cargo. The blue background refers to the sky, the theater of the Air Force. The pallet of cargo represents the squadron's career specialty, in that every phase of Air Cargo deals with some activity involving the processing of a cargo pallet. (Approved, 27 Jul 1983)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Major Philip J. Swissler, Jr., Chief of Administration for the 94th MAW, has been appointed Commander of the recently created 57th Aerial Port Squadron (APS) at L. G. Hanscom Field, Bedford.

Aerial Port Squadrons control, document, load and unload passengers, hospital patients, cargo and mail. They can operate aerial port facilities and are a highly mobile force that can be airlifted to any area of the world. With a minimum of local orientation, reserve aerial port squadrons can augment or replace a regular force.

Personnel for the new Squadron will be drawn from the 94th. The new unit will have a complement of four officers and 103 Airmen. The 57th is one of 20 new aerial port squadrons created at 12 Air Force Bases throughout the continental U. S. In addition to the 57th, at Hanscom, two additional AP Squadrons are being formed under the 905th MAG, at Westover AFB, Chicopee.

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