

146 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

146 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Federal recognition, 3 Jun 1961

STATIONS

Van Nuys, CA

Channel Islands ANGS, Port Hueneme, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

146 Operations Group

COMMANDERS

Cpt Robert D. Tonry

LTC Robert L. McLaughlin, #1974

LTC James M. Bruhl

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron came into being under the command of Cpt Robert D. Tonry with the granting of Federal recognition on 3 Jun 1961. Assigned strength was 3 officers and 10 enlisted men.

At the start of the Berlin Crisis, on 1 Oct 1961, the unit was activated and within two months,

assigned strength stood at 5 male officers, 16 flight nurses and 70 medical technicians. These were guardsmen, recalled reservists and regular Air Force personnel. During the eleven month period of activation, unit personnel were spread throughout the Pacific area from Travis AFB, CA, to Tachikawa AB, Japan. Upon deactivation the strength of the unit dropped to 5 officers and 20 enlisted men. Numbers were little better than on 3 Jun 1961, but, the level of training was superb.

In the period since, the unit has accomplished its training mission in simulated patient care missions on 146th Wing aircraft to many parts of the continental U.S., Hawaii and Alaska. Medical crews of the unit have flown numerous missions with real patients from Alaska and for several years augmented the regular Air Force flying patients back from Vietnam.

Flight nurses and med techs participate regularly in the Los Angeles Disaster Preparedness Program-critiquing and assisting with the management of larger-scale simulated disaster exercises. Health Fairs, sponsored by local schools for the underprivileged or medically indigent, have augmented their staffs with the broad skills and knowledge and ready assistance of the 146th AME personnel.

Presently, under TAC, the unit mission is Inter-theater Patient Movement. The primary function is to move casualties from forward areas to more permanent medical facilities. This involves training for all personnel in field hospital operations and radio communications.

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