

187 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

187 Aeromedical Evacuation Flight
187 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

STATIONS

Cheyenne, WY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Arlene Esquibel, #2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Beginning Aug. 9, 1990, the first day of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD, and into OPERATION DESERT STORM the Wyoming Air Guard flew continental U.S. and Central and South America missions. During that time, the Wyoming 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight and the 153rd Clinic were both activated by order of the President of the United States, with a large number of those medical personnel being sent to Saudi Arabia. After the hostilities, Wyoming Guard members continued with OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, which supplied humanitarian aid to Kurdish people displaced by the Iraqi military.

From July 1993 through February 1994, the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, provided volunteer medical personnel for the Egypt/Somalia humanitarian effort in eastern Africa, OPERATION PROVIDE HOPE. Three of those medical personnel subsequently received commendations for saving US Army Rangers lives while under attack in Somalia in October 1993. During 1993-94, a number of "spirited" Wyoming pilots, navigators, and loadmasters volunteered to fly missions into and over Bosnia/Serbia, while temporarily assigned OPERATION PROVIDE PROMISE.

A Wyoming Air National Guard aeromedical evacuation crew recently mentored Tunisian doctors, nurses, and crews during a three-day mass-casualty exercise at Bizerte, Tunisia. "The Libyan crisis really woke up the Tunisians to the logistics of how to handle mass casualties," said 1st Lt. Shane Ryan, a flight nurse with the state's 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. During Medlite 2012, Ryan and fellow Air Guardsman Maj. Janice Weixelman, a flight surgeon, shared their know-how with Tunisian crews aboard a HH-3 and C-130, in addition to aiding with a live air-crash response drill, according to the release. "The majority of participants had never had the experience of working in or around helicopters or C-130s" said Weixelman. "This exercise gave them an invaluable opportunity to understand the complexity and extent of aeromedical evacuation," she added. The Wyoming ANG is paired with Tunisia under the Guard's state partnership program. The exercise took place May 22 to May 24, 2012.

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