

445 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

445 Medical Group constituted, 24 June 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 8 Jul 1952
Redesignated 445 Tactical Hospital, 18 May 1954
Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962
Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962
Discontinued, and inactivated, on 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 445 USAF Clinic (Associate), 18 Oct 1982
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Dec 1982
Redesignated 445 USAF Clinic, 1 Apr 1993
Inactivated, 1 May 1994
Redesignated 445 Medical Squadron, 9 Sep 1994
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1994
Redesignated 445 Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 1 Jul 2000

STATIONS

Buffalo, NY, 8 Jul 1952
Niagara Falls Muni Aprt, NY, 15 Jun 1955
Memphis Muni Aprt, TN, 16 Nov 1957-11 Feb 1963
Norton AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1982
March AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1993-1 May 1994
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

445 Fighter-Bomber Wing (later, 445 Troop Carrier Wing, Medium; 445 Troop Carrier Wing;
445 Troop Carrier Wing, Assault), 8 Jul 1952

445 Air Base Group, 28 Nov 1962-11 Feb 1963
445 Military Airlift (later, 445 Airlift) Wing, 1 Dec 1982
445 Medical Group, 1 Aug 1992
445 Airlift Wing, 30 Sep 1993-1 May 1994
445 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1994
445 Airlift Wing, 1 Apr 1997

COMMANDERS

Col Hans F. Otto

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1985-31 Aug 1987

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Jan 2008-31 Dec 2009

EMBLEM



445th USAF Clinic emblem: On a blue disc a red cross supported by a dexter hand issuing from base in proper colors (flesh detailed gold brown) bearing a white staff entwined by a yellow snake all within a narrow yellow border. Attached below the disc a blank blue scroll bordered yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow symbolizes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The staff of Aesculapius is the symbol representing the Air

Force Medical Service. The red cross symbolizes the humanitarian aspects of the Air Force Medical Service. The hand represents the unit's unchanging commitment to provide strong medical support to all personnel of the 445th Military Airlift Wing. Approved on 18 Mar 1984; modified on 30 May 1997.



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OPERATIONS

The 445 Tactical Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., was called to active duty but was released after 30 days due to improvement of Cuban situation, Oct 1962.

2010 Twenty-two reservists from the 445th Aeromedical Staging and Aerospace Medicine Squadrons traveled to Champerico, Guatemala, for a humanitarian medical mission as part of the 2010 Guatemala Medical Readiness Training Exercise July 9-24. The U. S. Southern Command sponsored MEDRETE allowed the reservists to join other military members in providing free medical care to those living in poor, rural areas. Medical care included dental,

optometry, general medicine, and pediatrics. More than 8,000 local residents were seen in an 11-day period.

Master Sgt. Chirron Hayslett, 445th ASTS, said the wing also supported the mission with basic pharmacology needs. "All teams that were part of this humanitarian mission thought it was a success. The medics were a combination of Air Force Reserve Command personnel from five units," said Sergeant Hayslett, who helped coordinate the wing's involvement. Not only did the MEDRETE help the local population, the exercise also provided the Airmen with deployment training and the opportunity to work with other Air Force and sister service medical units.

The wing's participation in the MEDRETE took several months of planning and preparation. Originally the group was slated to go to Ecuador but the tasking was changed to Guatemala. Lt. Col. Brenda Ames, 445th ASTS, chief nurse executive, served as the increment commander for the trip. "When we found out that we were going to participate in a MEDRETE, we started going over the long list of training requirements we were given that everyone going has to accomplish before they can deploy. And it's not just our requirements but SOUTHCOM requirements too," Colonel Ames said. Besides training requirements, the tasking required various duties that ASTS could not support alone.

"We were given a set list of people who have to go and ASTS does not have some of the individuals listed so we decided to share the trip with AMDS. AMDS was able to provide most of the physicians and an optometrist," Colonel Ames said. Sergeant Hayslett said the wing also supported the mission with basic pharmacology needs. Before leaving on the mission, ASTS touched base with the Embassy and host nation in order to secure the appropriate medications and equipment that they needed to bring. "We had to ask our host nation what type of cases we would be seeing and what kind of illnesses and medical issues we would be facing when we got there so we could be prepared to treat them," Colonel Ames said.

Reservists from the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and other units traveled to Guatemala as part of the exercise New Horizons 07 to treat more than 8,000 patients from April 14 to 28. The exercise is a US Southern Command joint engineering, medical, humanitarian, and civic assistance effort conducted every year in Central and South America. The physicians, dentists, optometrists, and medics treated a wide range of ailments in several locations. 2007

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Sources

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