

## 88 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

88 Air Terminal Squadron constituted and activated, 22 Mar 1960

Organized in the Reserve, 8 Jun 1960

Redesignated 88 Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Jul 1967

Ordered to Active Service, 13 May 1968

Relieved from Active Duty, 12 Dec 1968

### STATIONS

McGuire AFB, NJ, 8 Jun 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

2615 Air Reserve Center, 8 Jun 1960

2490 Air Force Reserve Sector, 1 Jul 1961

First Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1965

438 Military Airlift Wing, 13 May 1968

First Air Force Reserve Region, 12 Dec 1968

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969

514 Military Airlift (later, Airlift) Wing (Associate), 1 Aug 1973

514 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Robert W. Swoger, 13 May 1967-12 Jul 1968

Lt Col William. G. Bimbach, by 1 Aug 1973

Lt Col William R. Lynbrook, c. 1 July 1975

Lt Col George W. Dart, 2 Oct 1981

Lt Col George W. Orfe, 16 Jan 1987

Lt Col Edward Kelly, 13 Feb 94

Lt Col John C. Kelly, 23 Sep 1995

Maj William P. Merklinger, 25 Jun 00

Lt Col Frank Dooher

Maj Joseph L. Dell'Arciprete

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

2 Jul 1966-12 Dec 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1973-31 Jan 1975

1 Aug 1977-31 Dec 1978

1 Aug 1988-31 Jul 1990

1 Aug 1990-31 Jul 1992

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1997

## **EMBLEM**



88 Air Terminal Squadron emblem

On a blue disc within a narrow gold border a medium blue chevron bordered gold between in chief two gold lightning bolts chevronwise and in bass a medium blue globe with axis arraswise, rimmed and girded white encircled fesswise by a red stylized aircraft with contrail outlined white. On the chevron a gold annulet voided blue charged with a white star bearing a red disc and supported by a pair of white wings conjoined in base all between in dexter a white plough and in sinister a white scallop shell. Below the emblem a white scroll edged blue and inscribed in blue capital letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. Against the background of blue depicting the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, the chevron alludes to the unit's strength in the support of its mission. The lightning bolts indicate rapid response and the aircraft encircling the globe refers to its world-wide capabilities. The squadron's three-fold operation encompassing the air, symbolized by the wings and star which also represent the USAF, and the land and sea symbolized by the plough; and shell which also represents New Jersey, the State where the unit was organized in 1960. The emblem bears the national colors and the Air Force colors gold and ultramarine blue; approved 19 May 1966.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

President Lyndon B. Johnson mobilized Air Force Reserve airlift forces in January 1968 in response to the North Korean seizure of the USS Pueblo. On 13 May, to replace shortages in the Strategic Reserve, the Air Force mobilized three aerial port squadrons. The aerial port units involved were: 82d APS (Travis AFB, CA). 86th APS (McChord AFB, WA), and the 88th APS (McGuire AFB, NJ). The three aerial port squadrons were assimilated into Military Airlift Command aerial port operations at Travis, McChord, and McGuire, but members of the 88th

APS deployed on temporary duty to the Republic of Korea in July to augment aerial port organizations.

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