

177 SERVICES FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

ASSIGNMENTS

177 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

From August 1 through 5, Airmen from the 177th Medical Group along with 177th Services Flight combined forces with 110th, 115th, 161st and the 162nd Medical Groups for annual training at the Combat Readiness Training Center at Alpena, Mich. The training was geared toward deployment under bare base conditions anywhere in the world. The Guardsmen, who

spent their entire deployment in a tent city at Camp Collins, represented a complete cross-section of medical skills present during the deployment. Everyone from physicians and flight surgeons to optometrists, nurses and medical service corps officers joined forces with administrative, medical equipment repair and public health personnel for training in a variety of combat and emergency scenarios. The Airmen received specialized training in the operation of Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) – the Air Force’s new medical and dental field hospital – which replaces air transportable clinics. EMEDS includes an emergency and operating rooms, x-ray capability and a 25- bed ward. The Airmen trained in disease prevention, combat stress, self aid and buddy care/wound management, litter loading for ambulance and C-130 Hercules aircraft. They also trained with a human patient simulator - a training device that looks like and responds in the same way a person does when a doctor and staff works on it. The training scenarios included emergency and operating rooms, a mass casualty exercise, and a “bug out” - a term many will recognize from the TV series MASH - which means to pull up stakes and relocate operations. The 177th Services Flight Airmen received special recognition in the final report. “The Food Services personnel were considered outstanding by everyone,” stated Col. Patrick D. Aiello, Commander, 161st Medical Group, 161st Air Refueling Wing, Phoenix, Ariz. “They were on time every day, had outstanding attitudes and served great food.” “We truly didn’t have a weak link,” summarized Lt. Col. Gerald Iuliucci, 177th Medical Services Corps. “The patient retrieval team members’ response was highly focused. The ER team accomplished the most rapid and efficient throughput of patients. The OR team did more procedures than ever before for this type of exercise. All personnel consistently showed high levels of enthusiasm and professionalism

In support of Operation Desert Storm, a nine person team from the Food Service Section, 177th Services Flight were deployed to Langley AFB, Virginia which is home to the 1st Tactical Air Wing. While stationed in Virginia, some served in the base flight line kitchen while other members of the contingent of food service personnel provided assistance in billeting and other areas of base services. When the 177th members arrived in Virginia, the flight line dining area was serving 500-600 people a day which eventually increased to 800 people a day. While they generally worked a standard shift, the large contingencies of troops required them to be flexible to support the troops. The spirit of dedication on part of the 177th FIG Food Service personnel shone through day after day.

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