

439 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

439 Medical Group constituted, 19 May 1949
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered on Active Duty, 1 Apr 1951
Inactivated, 3 Apr 1951
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952
Redesignated 439 Tactical Hospital, 18 May 1954
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957
Redesignated 439 USAF Hospital and activated, 4 Dec 1963
Organized, 8 Jan 1964
Inactivated, 15 Jan 1968
Redesignated 439 Tactical Hospital, 14 Mar 1974
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1974
Redesignated 439 USAF Clinic, 1 Oct 1987
Redesignated 439 Medical Squadron, 1 Oct 1994
Redesignated 439 Aerospace Medicine Squadron

STATIONS

Selfridge AFB 1949-1951, 1952-1957
Misawa AB 1964-1968
Westover ARB 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

439 Troop Carrier Wing, 1949-1951
439 Fighter-Bomber Wing 1952-1957

39 Air Division 1964-1968
439 Tactical Airlift Wing 1974
439 Medical Group 1992
439 Airlift Wing 1997

COMMANDERS

Col Ronald Coffey
Col Joel E. Bogner
Col Stanley Chartoff

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Celeste, a globe Vert, axis palewise gridlined of the first, surmounted by the Staff of Aesculapius Or, entwined by a serpent Gules, eyed and armed of the third, between two lightning bolts in pile of the like, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "MEDICAL EXCELLENCE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "439TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe reflects the space age and worldwide mission of the unit. The Staff of Aesculapius, entwined with a red serpent, alludes to the aerospace medical mission of the unit. The lightning bolts signify the rapid response in which the unit reacts to the diagnosis and treatment of disease and injury.

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OPERATIONS

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