

816 CONTINGENCY RESPONSE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

816 Contingency Response Group

STATIONS

McGuire AFB, NJ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per bend sinister Argent and Sable, a bend sinister Azure, debruised by flames issuant from base Gules, edged Or, overall a sword point to base Proper, gripped and detailed of the second, attached to the blade two wings extended fesswise of the fifth, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "816TH CONTINGENCY RESPONSE GROUP" in Blue 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 wings represent

mobility and readiness as well as the power and ability to deploy world-wide on a moment's notice. The sword in the center of the wings, emerging from the flames, represents the first Contingency Response Group to be formed in the Air Mobility Command. The flames represent the unit being created from fire rising from the darkness of night, through the dawn and into the light.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Colors Furlled for McGuire Contingency Response Group: Officials at JB McGuire, N.J., on June 11 inactivated the 816th Contingency Response Group. This unit was a component of McGuire's 621st Contingency Response Wing. Like other CRGs, it was responsible for tasks such as opening expeditionary air bases. The move was part of a restructure that consolidates the wing's contingency response capability in its two remaining CRGs--the 817th CRG and 818th CRG. The restructure also transfers some of this mission to the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire, thereby creating an Air Guard contingency response group. "In its short but distinguished history, the 816th CRG performed the mission of units many times its size, under difficult conditions, in remote locations, and often with little to no notice," said Lt. Col. Vikki Ellison, 816 Global Mobility Squadron commander. 2010

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