

# 10 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

10 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

## STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1975

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## **OPERATIONS**

On 4 Apr 1975, a C-5A carrying about 250 Vietnamese orphans as part of Operation Babylift crashed at Ton Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon, South Vietnam. Soon after takeoff, the C-5 experienced a rapid decompression and crashed short of the runway, killing many orphans and two medical crewmembers. Cpt Mary T. Klinker and SSgt Michael Paget were the first two medical crewmembers in the history of the 10th AES to be killed in the line of duty. The Mary T. Klinker award (formerly the Flight Nurse of the Year award) was named in her honor. A survivor, Capt. Regina Aune, a flight nurse, was awarded the Cheney Award for her valor during this mission.

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