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## 99<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing

### Mission

The 99<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, activated in October 1995, is the host wing for Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The wing oversees base day-to-day operations and provides support for over 10,800 personnel assigned to a 3-million square acre installation comprising Nellis AFB, Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, and the Nellis Test and Training Range. The 99<sup>th</sup> ABW is host to over 400,000 visitors annually and supports over 100,000 dependents, retirees, and veterans. Three groups are assigned to the wing: 99<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Group, 99<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, and the 99<sup>th</sup> Medical Group. Staff agencies include chaplain services, base comptroller, inspector general, manpower and organization, and military equal opportunity offices.



The **99<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Group** provides security, law enforcement, and force protection to Nellis AFB. The 99<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron provides base-wide security and law enforcement for Nellis AFB and Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Airfield. The 99<sup>th</sup> Security Support Squadron provides security for the weapons storage area located in Area II of Nellis AFB. The 99<sup>th</sup> Ground Combat Training Squadron located at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Airfield provides world-class expeditionary warfare training to Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Security Forces personnel, as well as various Department of Defense agencies.

The **99<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group** provides civil engineer, communications, contracting, logistics readiness, personnel, and services support for Nellis and Indian Springs. The 99<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron provides maintenance, repair, design and construction support for facilities and infrastructure, fire protection and crash rescue, disaster preparedness, military family housing, environmental compliance, and explosive ordnance demolition. The 99<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron programs, operates and maintains the base computer networks and telecommunications, visual information and

airfield systems. The 99<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron executes the base central acquisition and contract performance management program. The 99<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron provides motor vehicle operations and maintenance, traffic management and supply orders. Functions that fall under the 99<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron include military and civilian personnel, education services, enlisted professional education, and family support. The 99<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron provides services for lodging, food services, club management, laundry, mortuary affairs, base honor guard, base library and recreational activities. The Nellis Support Center provides all logistical support to live fly exercise units deploying to Nellis to include supply, transportation, logistic plans, airfield management, lodging and dining services. The MSG Deputy Commander serves as consumer advocacy for the commissary and Base Exchange.

The **99<sup>th</sup> Medical Group** provides medical care for the military community to ensure maximum wartime readiness and combat capability. Functions include flight medicine, surgical services, maternal and childcare, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, dental care, medical benefits and information, diagnostic and therapeutic services. Medical group squadrons include the 99<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron, 99<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 99<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron and the 99<sup>th</sup> Dental Squadron. In addition, the group deploys Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) during Air Expeditionary Force deployments and out-of-cycle taskings. The EMEDS Team rapidly evolves into a casualty treatment center that includes operating rooms, critical care beds, holding beds, blood and aero medical evacuation--a hub for care in the AOR.

## **Background**

The 99<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing traces its lineage to the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group during the early days of World War II. The group activated without personnel or equipment in 1942 at Orlando Army Air Base, Florida, and quickly transferred to Gowen Field, Idaho, where it received its initial manning. Air operations moved to Algeria in May 1943, where the group and its B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft distinguished themselves while flying bombing missions against targets in Italy, Sardinia and Sicily. Then, in December 1943, aircrews moved to Italy and conducted missions throughout Europe. The group inactivated in 1945

After this brief inactivation, the 99<sup>th</sup> was redesignated the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Very Heavy) in the Air Force Reserve at Birmingham, Alabama, from 1947 to its inactivation in 1949. In 1953, the 99<sup>th</sup> was again reactivated as the 99<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, based at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. Although the years brought several changes in name, equipment, mission and a move to Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, in 1956, the organization operated continuously until a second inactivation closed its doors in 1974.

Again, the 99<sup>th</sup> was reactivated, this time at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, in 1989, as the 99<sup>th</sup> Strategic Weapons Wing. Major reorganizations and name changes occurred until September 1995, when the 99<sup>th</sup> Wing inactivated and was reactivated at Nellis AFB as the 99<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing on Oct. 1, 1995.

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