

48 INPATIENT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Inpatient Squadron designated, 19 July 2007
Activated, 19 July 2007

STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 19 July 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Medical Group, 19 July 2007

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Thomas W. Harrell 19 July 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Celeste, a cross Gules, overall the Air Force Memorial spires Or, entwined on the

center spire a serpent Azure, eyed Sable, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "OPTIMOS CURAMUS" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "48TH INPATIENT OPERATIONS SQ" 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 Air Force Memorial spires represent the core values by which the Squadron lives every day. The red cross and the serpent entwined on one of the spires (alluding to the staff of Aesculapius) represent the medical care provided by the unit. The motto, "OPTIMOS CURAMUS," translates in English to "WE CARE FOR THE BEST."

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Sources

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