

8 MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

8 Medical Support Squadron supports a combat-ready Fighter Wing thru the full spectrum of operations by delivering preventive health services and outpatient medical care to over 2,700 DoD personnel. Maintains a \$29M facility w/equipment. Trains to sustain peak personnel/medical readiness. In contingency, integrates follow-on forces, expands to a hospital with Aeromedical staging, incorporates expeditionary medical support assets and rapidly employs over \$17M of war reserve materiel.

LINEAGE

8 Medical Support Squadron constituted, 25 Aug 1994
Activated, 30 Sep 1994

STATIONS

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 30 Sep 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Medical Group, 30 Sep 1994

COMMANDERS

Maj Fred M. Hannan, Jr., Jun 1994
Maj Edward Y. Walker Iii, 21 Jun 1995
Maj Marc M. Sager, 18 Jun 1996
Maj Thomas M. Harkenrider, 17 Jun 1997
Maj Steven A. Machesky, 18 Jun 1998
Lt Col Donald L. Brown, 10 Jun 1999
Lt Col Steven J. Stein, 16 May 2000

Lt Col Billy P. Cecil li, 11 May 2001
Lt Col Maureen J. Counter, 29 May 2002
Lt Col Cori A. Culver, 2 Jul 2003
Lt Col Camile Tilson, 25 Jun 2004
Lt Col Brian L. Riggs, Jun 2005
Lt Col Daniel McNulty, 12 Jun 2006
Lt Col Richard Roessler, 11 Jun 2007
Lt Col Robert Edwards, 23 Jun 2008
Lt Col Kurtis Faubion, 24 Jun 2009
Lt Col Craig Stanaland, 17 Jun 2010
Lt Col Chris Vaughn, 17 Jun 2011
Lt Col Perry Stansbury, 31 May 2012
Lt Col Jacqueline Bowers, 21 May 2013
Lt Col Mimi Cannonier, 7 Mar 2014
Lt Col Lynne M. Bussie, 29 Apr 2014
Lt Col Peter French, 16 Jun 2015
Lt Col Ernestina E. Van Leer, 16 Jun 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1995 – 31 July 1997

1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007

1 Nov 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a column in base Dark Gray detailed Argent, charged with a cross couped Gules, supporting a Rod of Aesculapius with serpent of the like, langued and eyed Sable and rod of the last; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "8 MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "KEEPING THE PACK FIT TO FIGHT" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 column and red cross symbolize support provided to the medical group, indicated by the traditional symbol of the medical profession, the Rod of Aesculapius.

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MOTTO

Keeping the Pack Fit to Fight!

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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