

59 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Michel L. Bunning

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The Optometry Flight entered into an agreement with the Veteran's Administration to open an Optometry Clinic at the new North Central Federal Clinic. This clinic will provide routine and specialized care to both TRICARE Prime enrollees from the 59th MDW and VA patients. The USAF Optometry Residency Program was improved by adding rotations in neuron-ophthalmology, advanced color vision testing, and electrophysiological testing at Armstrong Lab, Brooks City-Base, TX. The flight began the clinical use of AHLTA and led the wing in coding compliance and

timeliness. Despite the implementation of a slower coding system, the flight managed to increase patient visit productivity by 4% and exceeded its monthly RVU goal by 70%. These accomplishments allowed appointment access for TRICARE Prime enrollees to be as short as three days.

The Flight Medicine Flight completed a merger with ASF personnel and ASF mission, facilitating 523 patient movements for OIF/OEF, and other air-evacuation movements.

Public Health Flight was the largest such flight in the Air Force with over 77K people served. The Hospital Employee Health Program maintained a compliance rate averaging 98%. The Occupational Health Medical Examination compliance rate averaged 99% with an occupational examination population of more than 1,500 personnel. The flight successfully assisted with deploying over 1,021 medical personnel to OIF with zero theater discrepancies out of 46,945 opportunities for error. The flight reduced the time from deployment return and post-deployment health screening to less than five days for deployment returnees across two wings. The staff maintained close-to-zero basic trainee holdovers on the Guaranteed Training Program and for special duty assignments for administrative purposes, preventing valuable training slots from going vacant. The staff led the continuation of Lackland's Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Team to keep anthrax education for required recipients available and current. The staff procured critical deployment medications and vaccinations for over 360 Airmen attending the Basic Combat Convoy Course in support of Army deployments.

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