

59 DENTAL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

59 Dental Squadron constituted, 5 Mar 1998

Activated, 1 Apr 1998

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

59 Aeromedical-Dental (later, 59 Dental Training; 59 Dental) Group, 1 Apr 1998

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Apr]-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan 2002-31 Dec 2003

1 Jan-31 Dec 2004
1 Jan 2005-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009
Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013
1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014
1 Jul 2014-30 Jun 2015
1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2016
1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2018
1 Jul 2018-30 Jun 2019
1 Jul 2019-30 Jun 2020
1 Jul 2020-30 Jun 2021
1 Jul 2021-30 Jun 2022

EMBLEM

On a disc tierced in pile reversed, Azure, Gules and Argent, a Rod of Aesculapius Sable, entwined with a serpent White, eyed and langued of the fourth and surmounted with a capital letter "D" of the second fimbriated Black, between a mullet White and a torch Bronze detailed Black, enflamed Proper (Yellow and Scarlet), all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "59TH DENTAL SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CARE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE" in Yellow 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 star signifies the Squadron is the stellar graduate dental organization within the United States Air Force. The torch represents the purity of knowledge gained from the unit's training programs that light the way to a brighter future of research. The Staff of Aesculapius symbolizes the medical profession. (Approved, 28 Nov 2001)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Flight (MRDM): Col Craig Fowler was Flight Commander during 2005.

Endodontics Flight (MRDN): Col Thomas Beeson was Flight Commander. During 2005, the flight graduated two residents and led student support for a two-week post-graduate course for eight students (the only DoD hands-on endodontic training). The flight acquired residents from Keesler AFB and LSU in the wake of Hurricane Katrina (second-years Lt Col Lee Fulsaa

and Capt Shane Hanson, and first-years Maj Dennis Holt and Capt James Watts). The first-year residents treated patients for the first time in the history of WHMC endodontic training.

Central to the wing's support of war on terrorism, the flight expedited the care of 340 non-deployable dental Class III patients. The staff promptly appointed 390 patients from seven referring DoD facilities which reduced the waiting time from 72 to 24 hours.

Periodontics Flight (MRDT): Col Howard "Mick" McDonnell served as Periodontics Flight Commander.

Orthodontics Flight (MRDR): Upon the retirement of Col David Gonzales, Col Eric Brendlinger assumed the position of Flight Commander.

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Sources

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