

59 TRAINING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

59 Training Squadron constituted, 5 Mar 1998
Activated, 1 Apr 1998

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

59 Medical Support Group, 1 Apr 1998

COMMANDERS

Col Joanne Henkenius-Kirschbaum

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[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
1 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

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OPERATIONS

Professional Development Flight: Flight members corroborated with systems personnel and created a new, realistic, valid training database, replacing the previous program, which was corrupt and unstable. The in-hospital newcomers' briefing times decreased by 66% with improved, authentic, must-know info. Training programs in the Learning Resource Center were updated and more relevant with assignment of specific programs to specific AFSCs.

Allied Health Education Flight: Lt Col Laurie Hall was Flight Commander. The Allied Health Education Flight was responsible for providing initial and supplemental training programs for medical officers and enlisted personnel. The flight trained over 40% of AF medics in the Phase I1 and officer programs. The average daily student load was 125 for enlisted trainees, including active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel. This flight provided formal supplemental training to 31 nurses, awarding over 5,000 continuing education hours as well as over 11,000 EMT credit hours to 231 graduates. The flight also provided oversight to a variety of other categories of students within the medical center, including critical care fellows, perinatal, operating room and nurse transition students, LVN students, undergraduate nursing students, and graduate students in several fields. The flight expanded from four to five nursing supplemental programs by standing up the first-ever, DoD year-long critical care emergency nursing fellowship. This program trained 10 nurses to be immediately deployable ICU/IED assets. The fellowship was put on hold to become a formal AETC Training Course. The flight also managed 8 Phase II enlisted technical training courses and 10 non-GME Allied Health Residencies that produced over 680 graduates. This year the flight was inspected by the 882nd Training Group and "blew their socks off" with an unprecedented 8 "Outstanding", 3 "Excellent", 1 "Satisfactory", and 45 commendable ratings. The flight's 152-bed dormitory won "Dorm of the Quarter" three consecutive quarters throughout the year, earning \$5.25K for dorm improvements as well as \$220K for contract repairs. They also were recognized as being the first to place Phase II students under the supervision of military training leaders, a practice that has now been adopted AF wide.

Medical Multimedia Flight: Medical photographers documented 45 emergency investigative cases at WHMC's emergency room. They provided standby support to the DoD Office of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Four photographers (SSgt Thomas Congy, SSgt Johnny

Saldivar, SrA Justin Myers, and SrA Heather Norris), responded to 29 AFIP missions nationwide. Two members went to Dover AFB to document the remains of 13 military members returned from Iraq. Medical Illustrations was also busy throughout the year. MSgt Cody Vance and Mr. Robert Shelley spent 480 man-hours hand-drawing 40 full-color illustrations which were published in the reference text of *Campbell's Urology*. During Hurricane Katrina, the VTC element supported command-level VTC briefings twice each day during the initial response phase. TSgt Thomas Coney deployed to Iraq as a third-country national escort for 120 days over the summer. MSgt Pedro Ybanez and SSgt Marcelina Morales deployed to Keesler AFB to document the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in September. During this time, their eight-man team captured 12,984 photos, 319 video files, and logged 45 hours of VTC support.

Medical Library Flight: Due to BRAC, the libraries at BAMC and WHMC began discussions on merging. The primary library will be at BAMC (SAMMC North) with a satellite library at WHMC (SAMMC South). Space at each facility has been discussed, but not finalized. Discussions continue on efficiencies that will be realized with centralized acquisitions, processing, and online subscriptions. Duplicate materials are being identified and will be moved or salvaged, depending on programs and space available at each facility. The library continued to add online access to books and journals. By the end of September, 2,537 titles were available to providers at their desktops through the library's intranet page. The library also continued to support smaller DoD MTFs and participate in reciprocal agreements with larger libraries. This year, 5,925 interlibrary loan transactions were completed; 87% were sent or received electronically reducing the amount of time customers have to wait for information for patient care and research. More than 60,700 people visited the library this year.

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