

## AIR FORCE MEDICAL SUPPORT AGENCY



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

Air Force Medical Service Center established and activated as a separate operating agency, 1 Jul 1978

Redesignated Air Force Office of Medical Support, 1 Jul 1985

Status changed to a field operating agency effective, 5 Feb 1991

Redesignated Air Force Medical Support Agency, 1 Jul 1992

### STATIONS

Brooks AFB, TX

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

BG James F. Culver, #1981

Col Richard W. Rushmore, #1995

Col Sidney Brandler, #1997

Col Martin L. Harper, #2000

Col Allen W. Middleton, #2001

Col William J. Germann, #2002

Col Andrew Love, #2003

Col Patricia C. Lewis, #2004

Col Paul B. Christianson, #2005

Col Alton Powell, #2006

Col Debra Niemeyer, #2007

Brig Gen Byron C. Hepburn, Sep 2008 - Aug 2009

Brig Gen James J. Carroll, #2010

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



## **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Air Force Medical Service Center (AFMSC) is a separate operating agency with headquarters at Brooks AFB, Tex. The Center was established on July 1, 1978, and became operational October 1, 1978. Brig. Gen. James F. Culver, the AFMSC Commander, also serves as Deputy Surgeon General for Operations and Director of Professional Services.

AFMSC assists the Air Force Surgeon General in developing policies and practices concerning routine and emergent health care in peace and war. The Center acts as the Air Force Surgeon General's agent for implementing policies, studies, and management and administrative research.

AFMSC has two directorates and two corps chiefs' offices. The Directorates are Professional (Clinical) Services and Health Care Support. The corps are the Medical Service and the Biomedical Sciences Corps.

The Health Care Support Directorate, largest in AFMSC, develops plans and procedures to ensure that needed medical facilities are available, required medical supplies and material are provided, and that patient affairs including medical records and statistics, are properly managed.

The Professional Services Directorate is involved in programs associated with the practice of medicine for the Air Force, including clinical, flight and preventive medicine, and professional specialties associated with these areas.

The Directorate is also responsible the USAF Radioisotope Committee, which coordinates all administrative and regulatory aspects of licensing, possession, use, storage, handling, and disposal of all radioactive material in the Air Force. This committee also acts as the single point of Air Force contact with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on all matters of licensing.

The Health Education Program Central Office was relocated from Sheppard AFB to AFMSC in February 1981 and renamed Consumer Health Education Division. It will function as a part of the Professional Service Directorate. The new division will work primarily in three areas of patient education: patients' diseases and treatments, disease prevention, and how to maintain health.

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