

## 379<sup>th</sup> EXPEDITIONARY MEDICAL GROUP



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

853<sup>rd</sup> Medical Group constituted and activated, 16 Dec 1959  
Organized, 1 Apr 1960  
Redesignated USAF Hospital, Wurtsmith, 1 Oct 1970  
Redesignated 379<sup>th</sup> Strategic Hospital, 1 Jul 1987  
Redesignated 379<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, 1 Sep 1991  
Inactivated, 1 May 1993  
Redesignated 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Medical Group, and converted to provisional status, 4 Dec 2001

#### STATIONS

Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 1 Apr 1960-1 May 1993

#### ASSIGNMENTS

4026<sup>th</sup> Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1960  
379<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (later, 379<sup>th</sup> Wing; 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing), 9 Jan 1961-1 May 1993  
Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 4 Dec 2001

#### COMMANDERS

Maj Hibben, Apr 1960-unkn  
LTC Willard H. Smith, Oct 1963  
Cpt Michael P. Levis, Apr 1965  
LTC Clayton H. Schmidt, Jan 1966-unkn  
LTC Henry M. Bellamy Jr., 15 Jul 1971  
LTC Martin I. Victor, 15 Aug 1973  
LTC Larry D. Jecha, 12 Aug 1975  
LTC Robert A. Kleinsmith, 15 Aug 1977

Col R. Kaufman, 31 Aug 1978  
Col E. L. McGovern, 17 Feb 1981  
Col William Leichtman, Apr 1982  
Col Nowlan K. Dean, 30 Dec 1983  
LTC Stephen T. Powell, 20 Jun 1985 (temporary)  
Col Gary D. Hardison, 5 Jul 1985  
LTC Clark J. Knudsen, 17 Aug 1988  
LTC Virgil E. Hemphill, 27 Jul 1990  
LTC Virginia C. Bossley, 15 Jul 1992-1 May 1993

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1963-30 Jun 1964  
1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969  
1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971  
1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1979  
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986  
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

## **EMBLEM**



379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Medical Group emblem: Per bend Azure and Gules, on a lightning flash per bend throughout Or, seven stars per bend Argent; all between a dart, with three stars arched and an atomic symbol encircled by nine stars, all of the last, and all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "379TH EXPEDITIONARY MEDICAL GROUP" in Blue 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 significance of the emblem is the manner in which it portrays the expeditionary mission. The upper portion of the shield, together with the dart-like air vehicle represents expeditionary airpower capabilities. The lightning flash illustrates the great speed with which the power of the Group can be unleashed. The lower portion of the shield is symbolic of the historic valor of the Group's personnel past and present. The atomic symbol commemorates the Group's operational heritage dating from the atomic era. The stars are grouped to depict the Group's numerical designation. In the end, the emblem is a symbol of peace, since the power of force is dedicated to protect the free peoples of the world. (Approved, 15 Nov 2007)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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