

140 MEDICAL SQUADRON



MISSION

The 140 Medical Squadron's (MDS) primary peacetime mission is to serve as a clinic in support of the 140 Wing by providing physical examinations, immunizations, bioenvironmental engineering, and occupational health management programs. In addition, the 140 MDS also excels in Air Transportable Hospital mission taskings and a flight surgeon supports all wing deployments.

LINEAGE

140 USAF Dispensary
140 Tactical Hospital
140 Medical Squadron
140 Medical Group

STATIONS

Buckley AFB, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

140 Wing

COMMANDERS

Cpt William T. Dillon, 1951
Col Alvin L. Daywitt, 1954
Col Thomas A. Witten, 1965
Col John J. Franks, 1970
Col John B. Laubach, 1976
LTC Thomas G. Sarmo, 1980
Col Roger G. Santala, 1982

LTC Lyle G. Heimerich, 1988
LTC Demerick C. Fred, 1989
Col Jon Cram, #2001
LTC Paul E. Shingledecker, Jan 2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per bend Silver Gray and checky, Sable and of the first, overall a bend Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "140TH 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 bend is an ancient symbol of military honor. The checky is a term used to express the field when divided into small squares of alternating colors, as on a checker board. These divisions are representative of planned military organization, as the game of chess is representative of strategy, skill and organization to accomplish or win the objective.

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OPERATIONS

The 140th Medical Squadron was originally established on 1 Nov 1950 as the 140th Medical Group. On 1 Mar 1954 the unit designation was changed to the 140th Tactical Hospital.

From inception until 1970, an Air Transportable Hospital (ATH) was assigned to the 140th Tactical Hospital. After transfer of the ATH, the 140th Tactical Hospital maintained a 2nd Echelon wartime mission. On 1 Jan 1988, the unit was selected to expand to a Medical Readiness Training Squadron. Finally, on 1 Mar 1994, the unit was redesignated as the 140th Medical Squadron (MDS). With this change in designation the 140th MDS peacetime mission became that of the clinic for the Colorado Air National Guard, supporting the Colorado Air National Guard personnel stationed in the area. The wartime mission consists of an early deployable core medical manpower package for an Air Transportable Hospital or the contingency backfill of fixed or other field Medical Treatment facilities.

Since activation, the 140th MDS has been recalled for active three times (Berlin Crisis, Pueblo

Crisis, and Operation Desert Storm). Additionally, our members were deployed to Phan Rang AB, Vietnam with the 120 TFS in 1968, with further members eventually sent throughout the country and Korea in support of other Air Force manning requirements. After completing over 300 flights, including 33 combat rescues, A1C Michael Rowan returned from Vietnam as the most decorated enlisted member in the Wing.

During the most recent recall of the 140 MDS, on 16 Jan 1991, for Operation Desert Storm, members of the 140 MDS were deployed to Holloman AFB, NM to backfill at the 833rd Medical Group. The 140 MDS was the sixth Guard medical unit to be recalled for the Gulf War.

In addition to these deployments, members of the 140th MDS have deployed overseas fifteen times, either on annual tour or as part of an exercise: "Deep Furrow" in Turkey, 1967; "Coronet Ante" in the Netherlands, 1977; "Coronet Rider" in Turkey, 1979; "Coronet Bronco" in Turkey, 1983; "Coronet Cove" in Panama, 1986 and 1988; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1988; International Training Activities Program, Senegal, W. Africa, 1991 (Optometrist); Hahn AB, Germany, 1992; Australian Deployment (FS), 1995; Northern Watch, 1995 (SME); Operation Southern Watch, 1996 (FS); OSAT-Anderson AFB, Guam, 1996; Norway, 1997 (SME); Operation Southern Watch, 1998 (FS); and, sixteen personnel to "Coronet Nighthawk" in Curacao (Netherlands Antilles), 1999.

Through a comprehensive and uniquely effective training program, the 140 MDS maintained an exceptionally high ability to perform its 2nd echelon wartime mission. Having completed CMRT at the Air National Guard Medical Readiness Center at Alpena ANGB, MI in 1998 the unit continued to meet annual medical readiness requirements by strict adherence to its detailed training schedule, managed by a cohesive Training and Education Committee.

In another deployment to West Germany, 44 medical personnel from the 140 Tac Hospital, with augmentees from the 120 TFS and 154 TCG, deployed to Spangdahlem Air Base in August for annual training.

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