

141 MEDICAL GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

141 USAF Dispensary, 1 July 1960
Redesignated 141 USAF Clinic
Redesignated 141 Medical Group

STATIONS

Geiger Field, Spokane, WA
Fairchild AFB, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

141 Air Refueling Wing

COMMANDERS

Col Marvin J. Gottschall
Col Harry P. Harper
LTC John Jenkins, #1984

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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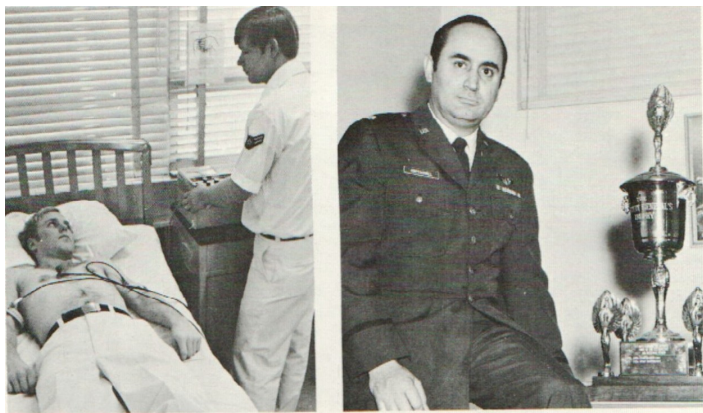
OPERATIONS

One of the finest medical clinics in the region is operated by the Washington Air National Guard. Four physicians, two dentists, two nurses and 4 medical specialist officers work with 3 medical technicians in performing flying and non-flying physicals, minor surgery, sick call and immunization programs. Many of the laboratory technicians working for the ANG on weekends hold similar jobs of responsibility in civilian life. Job specialties and facilities in the clinic include: Medical material, radiology, clinical facilities laboratory, medical surgical nursing, pharmacy, therapy clinic, eye clinic, preventive medicine, veterinary service (meat inspection) and a complete dental laboratory.

Although the 141st USAF Clinic is a modern facility today, it wasn't always so well equipped. Founded in 1953, it first consisted of six airmen who manned an aid station in the hangar. This facility lacked running water, had no X-ray or laboratory services, and operated without an Air National Guard physician.

In 1960, the medical squadron was designated a dispensary and moved to another building, equipped with services such as X-ray and laboratories. The next and final move was accomplished in 1965 when the medics took over the dispensary operated by the 84th USAF Fighter Group, Geiger Field.

The last unit to move to Fairchild was the 141st USAF Clinic. It was 1981 when Congressman Tom Foley of Spokane won a floor fight in the House of Representatives to provide funds to build a new medical training facility for the Guard at Fairchild. By 1982, the Clinic finally moved from Geiger.



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