

# 151 MEDICAL GROUP



## MISSION

The unit's mission is to advance military medical professionalism through education and training; maintain excellent medical readiness and mobility; deliver high quality medical and dental care and preventive medicine services in support of the Utah Air National Guard, the State of Utah, and the United States Air Force.

## LINEAGE

151 Tactical Clinic  
151 Medical Squadron  
151 Medical Group, Jun 2004

## STATIONS

Ronald R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Salt Lake, City, UT

## ASSIGNMENTS

151 Special Operations Group

## COMMANDERS

Col John K. Hayes, Jr.,  
LTC Jack M. Davis, 2003  
Col Paul Byrd  
Col Kevin Windsor

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a cross couped Gules charged with a Staff of Aesculapius Proper entwined by a serpent Or, eyed Gold Brown; overall a bald eagle volant Proper, all within a diminished border yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "151ST MEDICAL SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "INTEGRITAS OFFICIUM VIRTUS" in Yellow 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 red cross is symbolic of the medical profession. The Staff of Aesculapius pertains to the history of medicine and its healing powers. The bald eagle represents strength and agility as well as the symbol of the U.S. Air Force.

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The Squadron has been restructured during this last year to better meet requirements imposed by new Homeland Defense initiatives. With this restructure has come new taskings in trauma medicine and mental health. The development of our biological and chemical decontamination teams continues to progress. Recognizing that the successful training of these new teams will be critical in the Air National Guard's ability to respond to a terrorist attack, training has been and will continue to be a top priority. One aspect of training that has become critical under the Homeland Defense structure is joint training. Members of the unit's Chemical and Biological Decontamination Team have continued to train with the 85th Civil Support Team (CST). As members of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) rescue and recovery team, members of the 151st MDS have become a critical component of the Army/Air CST. Continuing quarterly exercises with the CST has increased our capability to respond in times of crises should the need arise.

The 151st Mental Health Flight, commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Byrd has been successful in integrating mental health response resources available in the Utah Air National Guard, the Utah Army National Guard and the 75<sup>th</sup> Medical Group at Hill AFB. Many members of this response force have been nationally certified in Critical Incident Stress Management (Basic) and Critical Incident Stress Management Individual Crisis Intervention and peer support. This team has also been responsible for Mental Health training in Baltimore, Tennessee; and at Tinker AFB, Okla.

In June, the squadron deployed to Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif. Due to naval medics deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom the support of the 151<sup>st</sup> MDS was

requested giving our squadron a support mission as well as a joint training opportunity. There were 46 members deployed to support 12 different sections of the hospital. Members of the 151 MDS assisted in demobilizing several hundred Navy troops returning from Iraqi Freedom. During this tour, members also visited the USS Mercy naval medical ship and the USS Continental. Lt. Col. Winston Levy, the Flight Commander of Aero-Medical Services, deployed to San Juan, Puerto Rico in support of Operation Cornet Oak for two weeks. While there he functioned as the Chief Flight Surgeon.

May 2004, brought dual assignments. Approximately half the 151st MDG was deployed to support a deployed Inspector General exercise near Savannah, Georgia. All members performed exceptionally well. The largest number of personnel was assigned to staff the patient decontamination team; always a challenging task requiring heavy labor in chemical protection suits and masks with an added layer of heavy butyl rubber aprons and gloves.

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