

# 172<sup>nd</sup> MEDICAL SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

172<sup>nd</sup> USAF Clinic

Redesignated 172<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Clinic, 1 Apr 1990

Redesignated 172<sup>nd</sup> Medical Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

## **STATIONS**

Sullivan ANGB, Jackson, MS

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

172<sup>nd</sup> Military Airlift Group

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Laurance J Clark Jr 12 Feb 80

Col Catherine S. Lutz

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Col (Dr.) Ronald Kruger has assumed duties as commander of the 172 Clinic, replacing Col (Dr.) Roland B Robertson, Jr., who assumed duties 1 October 1989 as State Air Surgeon at

Headquarters, Mississippi Air National Guard. Dr. Robertson had served as commander of the 172 Clinic from August 1981 to August 1989 and has been a member of the unit since December 1977. The State Air Surgeon oversees Jackson, Gulfport, and Meridian and serves as a liaison for medical affairs with Washington, D.C.

The 172 Clinic made its first deployment to Sembach, Germany on Sunday, 13 August 1989. Col (Dr.) Roland B Robertson, Jr., commander of the 172 Clinic, said the purpose of the deployment was to demonstrate their ability to deploy and to give members the opportunity to experience deploying to an overseas base. Lt Col Genie Shields, 66 Electronic Combat Wing Commander, said that the 172 Clinic provided benefits such as filling in the gaps caused by summertime turnover, a trained force that is familiar with the European Theater if war were to break out, and last but not least, provided expertise not available there, including an endodontist and an infectious disease specialist.

The 172 USAF Clinic was redesignated the 172 Tactical Clinics effective 1 April 1990.

MSgt Leland Collier reported in September 1991 that the 30 personnel of the 172 Tactical Clinic provided a total of 1,189 man days in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm from 22 October 1990 through 29 March 1991, with deployments to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., Homestead AFB, FLA., Tyndall AFB, Fla., and Charleston AFB, S.C.; support was provided for backfill operations of hospitals depleted of personnel sent to the desert theater as well as manning assistance to the Aeromedical Staging Facility in Charleston, S.C., which was responsible for the return of Desert Storms casualties. The 24 clinic personnel who volunteered contributed 587 man days in backfill operations. The other half of the total man days contributed (590) were provided by the activation of 10 members deployed to Charleston AFB to support the Aeromedical Staging Facility, one of three facilities set up to receive casualties from the desert theater. Also, three members assigned to the clinic from the 183 Military Airlift Squadron (Squadron Medical Element) served an active duty until August 1991 to support the operation at Thompson Field. Col Ron Krueger, clinic commander, served as flight surgeon for this period, providing care to the many flight crews and support personnel who passed through Thompson Field.

Members of the 172 Civil Engineering Squadron and the 172 Tactical Clinics departed Jackson, Miss., on 30 January 1993, for a two-week deployment for annual training to David, Panama. Flying from Jackson to Panama on C-130 aircraft, the members were transported by helicopters from David to an "extremely" remote base camp near Plasa de Caisan. The exercise in Panama, designated "Fuertes Caminos 93 Panama," had a primary mission of construction of roads, upgrades of bridges, renovation of schools and clinics, and conduction medical readiness training exercises. Also participating were other members of the 172 Airlift Group, including the 172 Services Flight and members of the fire department.

Medical Squadron (172 MDS/CC): Col Catherine S. Lutz

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