

189 MEDICAL SQUADRON

MISSION

189 Medical Group - The 189 Medical Group provides responsive care and services to Guardsmen and ensures a fit and medically ready Arkansas Air National Guard force.

LINEAGE

189 USAF Clinic

189 Medical Squadron

STATIONS

Little Rock AFB, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

189 Airlift Wing

COMMANDERS

Col Frank Panitierre

LTC (Dr) William M. Wells

Col Robert Dempster

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

16 members of the 189 Clinic were deployed in 1982 to March AFB, CA to support the daily operations of the United States Air Force Regional Hospital. Col. Frank Panitierre, clinic commander, reported that his staff was undermanned in several areas due to summertime permanent change of station moves. They were happy to have the 189's support and said "the hospital staff was very impressed by the technical know-how of the 189 Clinic members.

Thirty-eight members of the 189 USAF Clinic participated in a 15-day annual training tour to the USAF Hospital at Barksdale AFB, LA. The medical personnel were assigned to the deployment to meet the various job-related and medical readiness training tasks required by both the Air Force and Air National Guard Surgeons General. Clinic Commander LTC (Dr) William M. Wells said the training "provided an opportunity for clinic members to familiarize themselves with current Air Force medical and administrative policies and procedures." In addition, "everyone who required proficiency training in their assigned Air Force Specialty participated in On the Job Training," Dr. Wells said. A total of 587 medical patients were seen by the doctors and nurse practitioners, while 62 dental patients received care from the dentist. The two flight surgeons flew six sorties for a total of 18.9 hours, Wells said. All required medical readiness training and physical testing was accomplished with all medical personnel involved in the training as a group.

Jan 1989 brought valuable training for the 189 USAF Clinic. Training with the US Army Reserve helicopter MEDEVAC unit, assigned to the 374th Medical Detachment at Adams Field; guard members practiced On/Off Medevac Patient Loading procedures from a UH-1 with a four-man crew. The helicopter holds several litter patients. Clinic personnel acted out the roles of ambulatory and litter-bound patients during the exercise. The exercise was part of the Continuous Medical Readiness Training (CMRT). CMRT is just one part of the total medical readiness requirement as outlined in the regulations.

25 Jan 1991 Twenty four members of the 189 USAF Clinic were mobilized to serve in Operation Desert Storm. Seven of those activated were deployed to England while 17 members were sent to Travis AFB, California; each group taking the place of active duty personnel who had deployed overseas in support of Desert Storm. With the ground war in the Gulf over, those members of the 189 TAG who were called to active duty were beginning to drift back home from their far-flung duty assignments. First to arrive home were seven members of the 189 USAF Clinic, who were stationed at RAF Nocton Hall, about 130 miles north of London in the UK. Those who deployed to England 26 Jan were: LTC Marsha Claybrook, Cpt. Bill Summers, Senior Master Sgt. Donna Green, Staff Sgts. Ronald Rouse and James Medford, Sgt. Donald Bellcock, and Airman Tanya Lott.

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