318th RECRUITING SQUADRON

MISSION LINEAGE 318th Recruiting Squadron **STATIONS** New Cumberland, PA **ASSIGNMENTS** 360th Recruiting Group COMMANDERS **HONORS Service Streamers Campaign Streamers Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** Decorations **EMBLEM MOTTO NICKNAME OPERATIONS** The Air Force Recruiting Service stood up three squadrons dedicated to attracting health

professionals to the Air Force. The new units are: the 318th Recruiting Squadron based in Mechanicsburg, Pa.; 342nd RCS in San Antonio; and 348th RCS in Clearfield, Utah. AFRS officials activated them on Dec. 6 as part of a reorganization meant to place "a more appropriate focus" on the HP recruiting mission, according to a Dec. 12 release from the recruiting service, which is headquartered at JBSA-Randolph, Tex. The 318th RCS reports to the 360th Recruiting Group, the

342nd RCS to the 369th RCG, and the 348th RCS to the 372nd RCG. Prior to 2009, HP recruiters were assigned to squadrons. But after a subsequent force-shaping measure, they reported directly to recruiting groups. That move "put a strain on the groups' resources," said Col. Michael Vlk, AFRS vice commander, in explaining the return to the squadron set-up. He added, "We recognized that sharing support staffs wasn't an effective way of doing business, plus it de-emphasized the focus that was needed from a recruiting standpoint." 2012

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