

423rd MEDICAL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

6582nd Medical Service Squadron activated, 1 Apr 1978
Redesignated 3263rd Medical Service Squadron, 15 Jan 1987
Inactivated, 15 Sep 1992
Redesignated 423rd Medical Squadron, 14 Dec 2006
Activated, 16 Jan 2007

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1978-15 Sep 1992
RAF Upwood, UK, 16 Jan 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

6580th (later, 3260th) Medical Service Group, 1 Apr 1978-15 Sep 1992
423rd Air Base Group, 16 Jan 2007

COMMANDERS

Unk, 1978 – 1992
LTC Hildegard P. Stewart, 16 Jan 2007
LTC Daniel E. Gerke, 8 Jan 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987

16 Jan 2007-31 Dec 2007

EMBLEM

On a disc per bend sinister Or and Azure, a Griffin segreant of the first, eyed, langued and armed Gules in sinister; in dexter a cross of the third charged with a Staff of Aesculapius Vert, serpent Sable, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COMMITTED TO HEALTH CARE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "423D MEDICAL SQ" 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 Griffin represents strength and vigilance, a tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have served honorably in all theaters of operation. The Staff of Aesculapius is considered the true symbol of medicine. The red cross is an internationally recognized symbol of protection and neutrality. The staff is placed over the red cross to represent the Air Medical Service and the passion of all those that serve in the profession of health care. Approved 7 Aug 2007

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OPERATIONS

The Defense Department is closing the Air Force clinic at RAF Upwood, England, and plans to return it to the British government late this year, announced Pentagon officials on Oct. 10. This move is part of DOD's efforts to divest unessential holdings within the US European Command area of responsibility; it will enable US Air Forces in Europe to realize efficiency and cost savings, states DOD's release. Operated by the 423rd Medical Squadron, the Upwood clinic provided general medical, dental, and prenatal/gynecological care to service members—and their families—stationed at Upwood and nearby RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth. Its return "will have no impact on military operations in Europe," and will result in "estimated annual savings of \$554,000," states the release. Officials plan to offer the 57 US personnel and four host-nation employees staffing the site the opportunity to transfer to the Air Force's clinic at Alconbury. 2012

Air Force officials opened a new medical clinic at RAF Alconbury, England, less than two weeks after the Defense Department announced the pending return of the service's clinic at nearby RAF Upwood to the British government. "This brand-new facility required a lot of collaboration and effort across numerous agencies" and "was championed by many people," said Lt. Col. Cherron Galluzzo, 423rd Medical Squadron commander, at Alconbury's Oct. 19 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new clinic opens to patients on Oct. 31, according to an Alconbury release. Ever since the Air Force vacated Upwood in 1995, the clinic there was isolated from airmen and families located at Alconbury and RAF Molesworth, states the release. The new clinic at Alconbury consolidates support services and is expected to cut overhead costs and increase user access. "This beautiful and comfortable new clinic truly reflects the high standards of healthcare and customer service excellence you provide to every patient," said Galluzzo to the assembled squadron members.
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