

# 193 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL GROUP



## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

193 Tactical Hospital  
193 Medical Squadron  
193 Special Operations Medical Group

## **STATIONS**

Middletown, PA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

193 Special Operations Wing

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Lawrence L. Altaker  
Col Dr. Harry Little

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**



193 Tactical Clinic emblem

193 Special Operations Medical Group emblem: Per bend embattled Azure and Or garnished Vert, on the first two whirling atoms Argent, on the second an arched olive branch of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "193 SOMDG" in Blue 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 whirling atoms denote strength. The olive branch represents peace, which is the ultimate goal of the United States military. The fortress wall, with three buttresses, is symbolic of strength and firmness and further amplifies the unit's role as guardians of world peace.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

All health requirements of the 193rd Special Operations Group as well as the eight geographically separated units are managed by the TAG Hospital. Annual physical examinations for all enlisted and officer members as well as flight physicals are performed by hospital members. In addition to administrative, patient affairs, medical material and pharmacy, and nursing care, the Hospital also provides laboratory, radiology, flight medical services plus dental and eye care facilities.

While members of the 193rd TAG Clinic were performing their June summer active duty at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, they aided in evacuating 350 patients from the base hospital during a bomb threat. Among the patients were 64 on stretchers and 18 infants. 1980/1981

An adjunct service to the Hospital is the Environmental Health and Bio environmental Engineer services which collects industrial hygiene and radiological health data and collects environmental samples. Membership in the TAG Hospital is 33 enlisted and 17 officers. The Hospital is located in the lower level of the east wing, Headquarters building #26, but will also be moving into the Operations and Training Building in 1989.

In August, 42 members of the 193rd TAG Clinic spent two weeks of annual training at RAF Alconbury, England. During their deployment at the Royal Air Base, clinic technicians and medical specialists participated in chemical warfare and disaster preparedness training. 1983

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