

## 944 MEDICAL SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

944 Tactical Dispensary constituted and activated, 28 Dec 1962  
Organized in the Reserve, 17 Jan 1963  
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Mar 1968  
Redesignated 944 Tactical Clinic, 12 Nov 1986  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1987  
Redesignated 944 Tactical Hospital, 1 Oct 1989  
Redesignated 944 Medical Squadron, 1 Nov 1990

### STATIONS

March AFB, CA, 17 Jan 1963  
Norton AFB, CA, 25 Mar 1968  
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1987

### ASSIGNMENTS

944 Troop Carrier (later, 944 Tactical Airlift) Group, 17 Jan 1963-25 Mar 1968  
944 Tactical Fighter (later, 944 Fighter) Group, 1 Jul 1987  
944 Medical Group, 1 Aug 1992  
944 Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1997

### COMMANDERS

Col Timothy S. Strongin

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1987-31 Aug 1989

1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991

1 Jan 1992-30 Jun 1993

28 Nov 1993-6 Feb 1994

6 Sep 1998-5 Sep 2000

### EMBLEM



On a disc per fess Azure and Gules, in chief six rays of the sun issuant from fess point Or, overall, a caduceus of the first detailed of the second, all within a narrow bordure Red. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "944TH MEDICAL SQUADRON" in Red 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 caduceus is a universal symbol of the medical profession. The United States Army adopted the symbol in 1902 as the insignia for the Medical Corps. The caduceus pertains to the healing, recuperation and rehabilitation provided to others by the unit's medical personnel. (Approved, 27 Jul 2004)

Unofficial emblem significance provided by unit: The Caduceus has been the symbol of military medicine since 1902 when the U.S. Army adopted it as the insignia of the Medical Corps. The Air Force continued this tradition from its inception in 1947. The Caduceus represents the commitment to Hippocratic Medicine: to heal the sick and injured regardless of whether they are friend or foe, combatant or non-combatant. The sun and its rays represent renewal and a dawn of hope. The medical service provides hope, recovery and restoration. The red ray represents compassion and commitment. Members of the Medical Service are devoted, body, mind and spirit, to the service of others. The blue field represents loyalty and selflessness. Members of the

944 Medical Squadron dedicate their lives to the Constitution and to the people of the United States.

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

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