

# 1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



## MISSION

The 1 Special Operations Healthcare Operations Squadron accomplishes global special operations tasking as an Air Force component member of US Special Operations Command. The unit promotes and maintains health for 15,400 beneficiaries divided among four groups, 25 squadrons, and 39 partner units. Personnel provide TRICARE Operations, Patient Administration, Information Systems, Resource Management, Logistics, Diagnostics & Therapeutics, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Immunizations, Family Medicine, Behavioral Health and Emergency Medical Services.

## LINEAGE

16 Medical Operations Squadron constituted, 16 Aug 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Health Care Operations Squadron, 7 Jun 2019

## STATIONS

Eglin AF Aux Fld #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 1994

Hurlburt Field, FL

## ASSIGNMENTS

16 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1994-15 Nov 2006

1 Special Operations Medical Group, 16 Nov 2006

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011

1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015

1 Oct 2015-30 Sep 2017

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

## EMBLEM



On a disc Sable, a cross Gules overall surmounted by a sword point to base Proper, entwined by a snake Vert, eyed Argent; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "KEEP 'EM FLYING" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "1 SOWDOS" in Yellow letters. **SIGIFICANCE:** 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 dagger

represents the AFSOC's ability to deliver special operations capability globally through airpower. The snake wrapped around the winged dagger resembles the caduceus and emphasizes the medical squadron's role in AFSOC's delivery of special operations capability. The cross is the time-honored symbol of the combat medic. The squadron motto emphasizes the commitment to the mission and the goal to keep the planes in the air, bringing the fight to the enemy.

1st Special Operations Healthcare Operations Squadron emblem: The obsidian black alludes to the shroud of the night, which is the primary theater of operations for our Special Operations warriors. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The snake wrapped around the winged dagger attached to a disc with the Red Cross resembles the caduceus and emphasizes the medical support the 1st Special Operations Healthcare Operations Squadron provides to AFSOC for delivery of special operations globally.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 1 Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron accomplishes global special operations taskings as an Air Force component member of US Special Operations Command. The unit promotes and maintains health of 8,000 active duty, reserve IMA, and civilian personnel, and 22,000 beneficiaries from 4 groups, 30 squadrons, 12 staff agencies, and 38 tenant units. Personnel also provide behavioral health services, family medicine, diagnostics/therapeutics and ensure medical readiness, health protection, and performance enhancement.

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### Sources

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