# 23 MEDICAL SERVICE SQUADRON (WARTIME PERSONNEL HOSPITAL)



**MISSION**

**LINEAGE**[1]
23 Medical Service Squadron (Wartime Personnel Hospital) constituted and activated, 4 Mar 1964
Organized in the Reserve, 8 Mar 1964
Inactivated, 31 Jan 1973
Redesignated, 22 Feb 1982
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Mar 1982

**STATIONS**
Wright Patterson AFB, OH, 8 Mar 1964-31 Jan 1973
Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Mar 1982

**ASSIGNMENTS**
Continental Air Command, 4 Mar 1964
2494 Air Force Reserve Sector, 8 Mar 1964
Second Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Jul 1965
First Air Force Reserve Region, 24 Jun 1966

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[1] Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.
The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Eastern Air Force Reserve Region, 31 Dec 1969-31 Jan 1973
913 Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Mar 1982

**COMMANDERS**

**HONORS**
**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**



On a blue disc bordered yellow, a pattern of eight yellow rays shaded orange surmounted by a pair of yellow wings displayed fesswise, overall a yellow Air Force thunderbolt detailed gold brown, entwined by a yellow serpent. Above the thunderbolt in the top of the disc a stylized dove in flight carrying a palm branch in its beak all yellow. Attached below the disc a blank white scroll edged yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron, and the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue are used. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the excellence of Air Force personnel in their assigned duties. The stylized Staff of Caduceus is representative of the Air Force Medical Service, and with the thunderbolt and wings, it represents both the mission of the Squadron to provide administrative and professional medical service, and recognition that it is an Air Force unit. The rays refer to world-wide capability. The dove with palm branch is symbolic of the peaceful and humanitarian good the Medical Services bestow. (Approved, 13 Sep 1967)

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**