

## 48<sup>th</sup> SURGICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

48<sup>th</sup> Surgical Operations Squadron

### STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 19 July 2007

### ASSIGNMENTS

48<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, 19 July 2007

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

None

#### Campaign Streamers

None

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

### Decorations

None

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a cross in chief Gules, fimbriated Argent, issuing from base a flame of the second, edged Or, and a stylized eagle rising, wings displayed Sable, shaded Silver Gray, edged of the third, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "VITAM DARE SALUTEM RESTITUERE" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "48TH SURGICAL OPERATIONS SQ" 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 red cross represents the Squadron's core mission and competency as medics across all medical Air Force Specialty Codes. The flames allude to the fire of combat where the Squadron is required to bring its skills, the peril which its patients can be in that requires its intervention and the testing of its ability in delivering absolute superior health care. The eagle rising from the flames alludes to the mythological Phoenix representing the Squadron's support of the 48th Fighter Wing's primary mission and symbolizes the restoration of health and support of the United States Air Force mission. The motto, "VITAM DARE SALUTEM RESTITUERE," translates in English to "DELIVERING LIFE RESTORING HEALTH."

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

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#### Sources

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