

7 MEDICAL GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

7 Medical Group
7 Tactical Hospital, Feb 1954
7 Medical Group

STATIONS

Dyess AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

7 Wing

COMMANDERS

Col Eugene H. Raynaud, 23 Apr 1999
Col David D. Adams, 19 Jan 2001
Col Schuyler K. Geller, Aug 2002
Col Rich Trifilo, 6 Jul 2004
Col Kent R. Helwig, Aug 2006
Col Thomas S. Haines, Jr. 28 Mar 2008
Col Jeffrey S. Thompson, 22 Jun 2010

HONORS

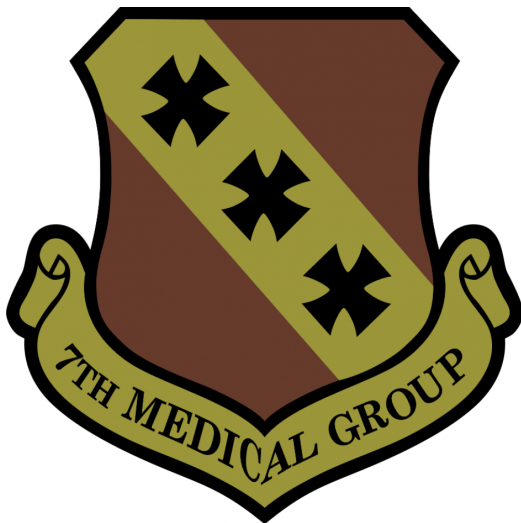
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

1954 February, the 7th Medical Group was redesignated the 7th Tactical Hospital and assigned to the wing. Prior to this organizational change, the hospital was assigned to 19th Air Division.

31 March - 17 April 2000 The 7th Medical Group (MDG) deployed 33 airmen to El Salvador for a joint humanitarian operation. Working with the Army and Navy, deployment commander and family practice nurse manager Maj Irene Soto said, "Finally, we're getting a chance to do what we were [trained] to do." Her team worked at an elementary school in three different areas: San Jose de Las Flores, Las Vueltas, and Comalapa.

30 April 2000 The 7 MDG closed the surgical unit of the 7th Medical Operations Squadron (MDOS) due

to low usage. Capt Troy Swayze, staff nurse anesthetist, said, "The surgery unit doesn't perform trauma or critical care surgeries, nor does it have a critical care unit. This makes it hard for surgical and anesthesia providers to receive required wartime training." Col Eugene Raynaud, 7 MDG Commander, observed that "it's difficult for surgeons and specialists to maintain their skills in small hospitals." This plan, approved by the Department of Defense on 7 February 2000, used the TRICARE network in the Abilene community to handle all surgery needs and allowed specialists at Dyess to PCS to larger hospitals.

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