

59th DENTAL GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

59th Aeromedical-Dental Group established, 5 Mar 1998

Activated, 1 Apr 1998

Redesignated 59th Dental Training Group, 1 Dec 2006

Redesignated 59th Dental Group, 14 Jan 2008

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

59th Medical Wing, 1 Apr 1998

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Apr 1998]-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan 2002-31 Dec 2003

1 Jan-31 Dec 2004

1 Jan 2005-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

EMBLEM

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

2012 A new state-of-the art facility here dedicated to training military dentists in advanced specialties and serving as a worldwide referral center has officially opened at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

During an early morning outdoor ceremony, military leaders dedicated the Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic June 20. The modern \$38 million building, the Air Force's flagship dental school, is adjacent to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. The new 56,000-square-foot facility replaces the aging MacKown Dental Clinic, and is known for its maxillofacial prosthetics fellowship program. The program focuses on the art of creating facial prosthetics to help wounded warriors and qualifying patients with burns, injuries, cancer or birth defects. The facility also has the only stereolithography laboratory in the Air Force Medical Service. The lab uses a three-dimensional process to make prosthetics and implants from computer imagery.

The AFPDS has one of the Air Force's largest dental laboratories and produces more than \$1 million in annual workload. It has more than 5,000 square feet of laboratory space and 69 dental treatment rooms. The school also trains Army, Navy and Canadian Forces, and "it's the most advanced site for residency education programs," said Lt. Col Jeffery Casey, director of the Senior Resident Education and Training Program. "We train 85 percent of dental residents across the Air Force here, with six dental residencies and two fellowship programs within the 59th Dental Group," said Col. Steve Taylor, commander, 59th Dental Support Squadron. The school is a branch campus of the Uniformed Services of the University Health Sciences, dedicated to maintaining education excellence.

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Sources

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