

60th SURGICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

Pioneering cutting-edge procedures that have saved countless lives which would have been lost elsewhere -- both domestically and overseas in hostile war zones -- 60 SGCS personnel delivers general surgery, neurosurgery, urology, orthopedic, ophthalmology, obstetrics and gynecological health services for more than 500,000 Department of Defense and Department of Veteran Affairs eligible patients. It sustains more than 1,800 surgical cases involving more than 8,600 specific surgical procedures, including 427 deliveries annually.

60 SGCS maintains readiness and supports worldwide contingency operations with more than 378 personnel utilizing an \$4.4 million budget.

60 SGCS also supports Air Expeditionary Force missions, 10 research protocols, five graduate-level medical education programs and clinical Phase II training.

LINEAGE

60th Surgical Operations Squadron constituted, 18 Jul 1997
Activated, 1 Aug 1997

STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 1 Aug 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

60th Medical Group, 1 Aug 1997

COMMANDERS

Col Michael J. Eppinger

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jul 2005 – 31 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[1 Aug] 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2012

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, issuant from base a demi-globe Vert, axis bendwise gridlined Sable, overall a winged scalpel (Silver Gray) winged Or, entwined with a serpent Gules head to dexter, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "60 MSGS" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "ON THE CUTTING EDGE" in Black 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 winged scalpel entwined with a serpent suggests a staff of Aesculapius and symbolizes the unit's medical functions. The globe represents the unit's worldwide mobilization capabilities. (Approved, 29 Apr 1999)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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