

# 118 MEDICAL SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

Tactical Hospital, 1 Mar 1954  
Redesignated 118 USAF Dispensary, 1 Apr 1961  
Redesignated 118 Medical Group  
Redesignated 118 Medical Squadron

## STATIONS

Nashville, TN

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Col Joseph S. Butterworth, 26 Mar 1971  
LTC Perry, 1 Apr 1979  
LTC John A. Shields, 1 Jan 1981  
LTC Robert B. Adkins, 15 Jun 1984  
Col James E. Goldsberry  
Col Gary Davis, #2011

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**



118<sup>th</sup> Tactical Hospital emblem

118<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron emblem: On a disc Vert, a vol Or surmounted in base by a cross couped Gules beneath a hurt charged with three mullets Argent (in the configuration of the Tennessee State flag), all within a narrow bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SETTING THE PACE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "118TH MEDICAL SQUADRON" in Yellow 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 olive drab background denotes the unit's military heritage and its commitment to the combatant. The winged cross signifies the mobility and mission to provide medical aid and promote health and fitness. The three stars stand for the Air Force values of integrity, service and excellence.

**MOTTO**

SETTING THE PACE

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

The Hospital personnel were involved in a mobility training exercise 15 Jul and then proceeded to annual training at Travis AFB CA 16-30 Jul 1979. Active duty there consisted of working in base hospital and clinics.

The 118 Tactical Hospital did their annual active duty training at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska from 25 July-8 August 1981. Colonel John Shields was Hospital Commander.

From 13-27 February 1981, the 118 Tactical Hospital performed their annual active duty training at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. They participated in a Clinic Recall and Simulated Mass Casualty Exercise. The 118 RMS also performed their annual training at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii along with the 118 Tactical Hospital.

From 27 July-6 August 1983, the 118 Tactical Hospital and 118 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were supported by members of the 118 Combat Support Squadron during the summer camp at Eglin Air Force Base FL.

From 16-30 June 1984 the 118 Tactical Hospital deployed to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida for annual training. Some members augmented Patrick Air Force Base Hospital Medical Team who provided medical support for the space shuttle launch attempt on 25 and 26 June 1984.

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