

188th MEDICAL SQUADRON



LINEAGE

188th Tactical Dispensary activated, 1953

Redesignated 188th Tactical Clinic

Redesignated 188th Medical Squadron, 2003

STATIONS

Ebbing ANGB, Fort Smith, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

188th Medical Squadron started out in 1953 as the 188th TAC Dispensary. In 2003, the dispensary became the 188th Medical Squadron with 55 personnel assigned covering all aspects of health care for wing personnel. Over the years, the 188 MDS has been involved in many challenging aspects of world operations. In 1961, the MDS was activated for the Berlin Crisis. Medical personnel were called upon to provide assistance during the Vietnamese Airlift in 1975 and again in the Cuban Refugee Relocation of 1980. Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991 saw 45 personnel activated to backfill the hospital at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. For nearly six months, 188th personnel provided medical care for the base in South Carolina. Later, in 1996, the Medical Squadron sent 30 doctors, nurses and medical technicians to Guyaquil, Ecuador for a humanitarian mission and treated over 3,000 local habitants in a two-week period. The 188th Medical Squadron has provided personnel for four AEF rotations and continues its mission of providing the best in preventative health care for the members of the wing.

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