

## 315 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 315 Aerospace Medicine Squadron's primary mission is to generate in-place in support of a flying wing and/or provide personnel augmentation to a fixed Air Mobility Command medical treatment facility. The secondary responsibility is to assure that all 2,600 members of the 315 AW remain medically qualified to fulfill their peacetime and wartime missions through required annual physical/dental examinations. Unit size: 31 Officers, 94 Enlisted and 1 Civilian

### **LINEAGE**

315 Aerospace Medicine Squadron

### **STATIONS**

Charleston AFB, SC

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

315 Medical Group

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Christopher W. Lentz, 1 Nov 2009

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

Per pale Azure and Or a cross couped Gules the dexter half fimbriated Argent and bearing an increscent bendwise Silver Gray overall a pair of wings conjoined fesswise of the fifth surmounted by a Staff of Aesculapius, staff Gold Brown, serpent Yellow; all within a diminished bordure Blue and White. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed " 315TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQ " in Blue letters. Attached above the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed" NON SIBI SED ALLIS " in Blue letters. Blue and 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 red cross is an international symbol of medical caregivers and represents the unit's dedication to relieve human suffering. The wings denote the Squadron's support of worldwide aeromedical evacuation. The Staff of Aesculapius reflects the expertise of unit personnel in the science of medicine. The crescent indicates the unit's home location.

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

In 2006, The 315 AMDS accomplished 2086 physicals and over 988 dental examinations. With the support of public health, monitored 743 audiograms accomplished by Flight Medicine and over 2770 vaccinations (with an anticipated 2500 additional flu shots) administered by the immunizations section. The laboratory personnel performed 1952 procedures in support of physical examinations and deployment requirements. The Bioenvironmental Services works with active duty inspecting base facilities and insuring gas mask fit test were accomplished for members on mobility status.

Optometry Clinic provided examinations and ordered glasses/safety glasses/gas mask inserts. The Command Support Section monitors/tracks all medical and dental records for 2600 reserve members, in addition to supporting the USAF Drug Demand Reduction Program completing 929 substance abuse screenings and coordinating results with HQ, squadron and staff agencies. The Medical Readiness Section sustained a no-notice change to mission requirements, an entire squadron now on mobility status. Prior to change, the 315 AMDS accomplished annual medical readiness training requirements along with updating and scheduling training for those assigned mobility UTCs. Medical logistics order, process and inventory all equipment and supplies allowing squadron to function at its peak thus minimizing down time for unit members and patients.

As a collocated medical facility, members are continuously tasked to improve and solidify their Team Charleston relationships. 14 members provided four-month deployment backfill to the host facility providing coverage in Family Practice and Flight Medicine and 7 members continue on MPA tour providing base Operational Support for real world mission; worked hand-in hand with active duty counterparts to ensure all activation and deployment requirements are

met prior to acceptance of tour. AMDS Nurse Practitioner single-handedly coordinates Line of Duty Determinations, MEBs, PEBs, consultations and waivers.

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