

813 MEDICAL GROUP



MISSION

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STATIONS

McCoy AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Capt W. C. Story

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

813 Medical Group redesignated United States Air Force Dispensary, McCoy Air Force Base FL. 1970



Fulfilling a dream of man by making it possible for him to fly through space has been the splendid achievement of the sciences of aerodynamics and aviation engineering. Once man was in flight, however, it was the job of aviation medicine to see that he remained alive during his sojourn through the "air ocean." The vast knowledge that aviation medicine correlated needed an organization to disseminate this knowledge to the men in flight. Thus, the USAF Aviation Physiologist entered the picture and the Physiological Training Program was inaugurated.

Today, at McCoy AFB, the Physiological Training Unit of the 813 Medical Group is charged with the responsibility of indoctrinating flying personnel with an understanding of the physiological effects of flight and the means by which the hazards involved may be prevented or overcome. To accomplish this mission, the unit utilizes 10 enlisted men and two officers. With their chief training of the altitude chamber, the unit conducts flights up and including 43,000 feet. Indoctrination in partial pressure suits, night vision training, and many other objects round out the curriculum which Strategic Air command deems necessary to keep our flight personnel formed and alive.

During the year 1960, the unit processed over 2000 flight personnel with one month averaging a

high of 187. High influx of personnel is expected each year since it is mandatory that flight crews renew their physiological training cards periodically. Besides training these crews, the unit always has its share of passengers to indoctrinate. With additional duties such as flightline inspections of aircraft oxygen systems, ROTC Civil Air Patrol indoctrinations, and medical evaluation flights. One can begin to appreciate the scope and flexibility of the total program.

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