

4th MEDICAL GROUP



LINEAGE

USAF Hospital, Seymour Johnson constituted 11 May 1971

Activated, 24 May 1971

Redesignated 4th Medical Group, 15 Mar 1987

STATIONS

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 24 May 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

4th Tactical Fighter Wing (later, 4th Wing; 4th Fighter Wing), 24 May 1971

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

16 Sep 1973-15 Apr 1974

22 Nov 1974-31 Dec 1975

2 Feb 1976-18 Apr 1977

1 Jun 1982-31 May 1984

1 Jan 1987-30 Jun 1988
1 Jul 1989-22 Apr 1991
23 Apr 1991-31 Mar 1993
1 Jun 1994-31 May 1996

EMBLEM

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Azure, issuing from sinister a demi-sphere of the like covered with a pattern of clouds or, originating in sinister base below the demi-sphere and arced to dexter, a vapor trail of the last terminating below a stylized aircraft ascending bendwise gray, originating in dexter chief and extending to fess, a lightning bolt bendwise or between two mullets of five points one above in chief, one below in fess both of the like, in dexter base below the aircraft a mullet of five points of the last, overall in pale a rod, winged at the top above an entwining serpent, all gules, all within a diminished bordure gray. The red caduceus identifies the unit as one concerned with the delivery of health care. The three stars denote the three primary functions of the USAF Hospital Seymour Johnson which are: Readiness to provide the medical support necessary to maintain the highest possible degree of combat readiness and effectiveness of all assignee, tenant and satellite units, including tactical medical support, medical and dental care, flight medicine and environmental health services; Health Care. To provide the greatest scope of health services to other eligible beneficiaries based upon the ability of the professional staff and the adequacy of facilities; Education. To maintain currency in health care developments through education of all staff members to maintain proficiency and the highest quality of health services. The gray silver airplane signifies the fact that the unit is a member of the United States Air Force rather than a medical unit in one of the sister services. The golden lightning bolt symbolizes the air power of the United States Air Force. The cloud-covered sphere symbolizes the present world-wide capability of the United States Air Force and, likewise, the United States Air Force Medical Service.

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OPERATIONS

On 21 October 1975, a ground-breaking ceremony to mark beginning construction of a composite medical/dental complex adjacent to the existing United States Air Force hospital facility took place. The dental complex was programmed for completion in approximately one year with hospital additions and alterations continuing through 1977. In 1977, the dental clinic was redesignated Kiecker in honor of the only United States Air Force dental officer to lose his life as a result of hostilities in Southeast Asia.

In August 1990 in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the 4th Medical Group deployed more than fifty percent of its active duty personnel to Southwest Asia. The 4th Medical Group staffed a fully operational 50-bed air transportable hospital. Remaining personnel, with the assistance of over 250 Reserve and Guard personnel, representing 47 different units, maintained operational capabilities of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital. The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital then redeployed to a new base, Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in December 1990, where they constructed, from the ground up, a 50-bed air transportable hospital. The redeployment and demobilization of involved

personnel were achieved in March and April 1991.

The 4th Medical Group Hospital was named the Thomas Koritz Hospital on 6 Aug 1993 in honor of Major Thomas F. Koritz, who lost his life during a bombing mission over Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. Maj Koritz, a flight surgeon working at the 4th Medical Group.



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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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