

4 MEDICAL GROUP



MISSION

4 Medical Group mission is to deliver medically fit forces, ready medics, and quality and innovative healthcare. The 4 MDG, also known as the Thomas Koritz Clinic and Paul Kiecker Dental Clinic, serves a Prime Service Area population of more than 35,000 beneficiaries with over 10,000 enrolled.

The group is a unit of the 4th Fighter Wing with 310 assigned military, civilian, and contractor personnel providing dental and outpatient primary and specialty care. Staff operate in both the in-garrison and contingency environments supporting the Combat Air Forces' largest flying hour program, F-15E Strike Eagle Wing, Maintenance Group, and Total Force Integration structure. The 4 MDG is an Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) accredited facility (transitioning to Joint Commission in Spring '17) with a Level 3 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) certified patient-centered medical home.

LINEAGE

USAF Hospital, Seymour Johnson constituted 11 May 1971

Activated, 24 May 1971

Redesignated 4 Medical Group, 15 Mar 1987

STATIONS

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 24 May 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

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

COMMANDERS

Lt Col E. R. Andersen, Jr.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2008-30 Apr 2010

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

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012

EMBLEM



USAF Hospital, Seymour Johnson emblem: 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. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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.



4 Medical Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On 24 May 1971, United States Air Force Hospital Seymour Johnson was activated. As a result of USAF policy of United States Air Force hospitals being named by their locations.

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.

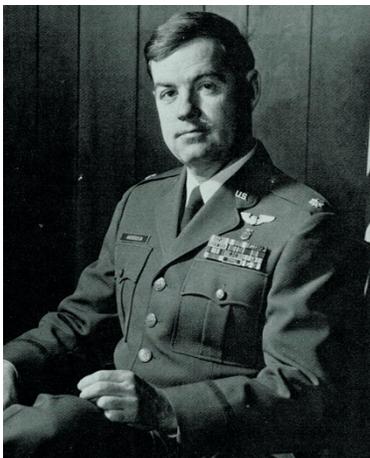
The dental clinic was redesignated Kiecker - in honor of the only United States Air Force dental officer to lose his life as a result of hostilities in Southeast Asia.

In August 1990 in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the 4th Medical Group deployed over 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 bare 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 redesignated the Thomas Koritz Hospital on 6 Aug 1993 by Special Order G-0042, 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, was one of five Air Force pilot-physicians. Since its inception, the unit earned and has been awarded seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and six campaign streamers.



Hospital management team plans total base-wide medical care for all authorized personnel.



Lt Col E. R. Andersen, Jr.

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