

31 DENTAL SQUADRON



MISSION

The 31 Dental Squadron supports the readiness of the 31st Fighter Wing and associated units throughout the Southern Region by ensuring the health of its community by providing optimal patient-focused dental care utilizing internal, Department of Defense and Host Nation resources. The Squadron integrates community-based preventive dental services and utilizes all dental resources to enable peak mission readiness and sustained performance in support of the Expeditionary Air Force, U.S. and NATO objectives worldwide.

The 31 Dental Squadron consists of three flights, including Clinical Dentistry, Dental Support and Dental Laboratory. The 31st Dental Squadron provides approximately 22,000 patient visits annually to almost 8,700 beneficiaries. Services offered include Comprehensive General Dentistry, specialty care in Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and full-service Dental Laboratory.

LINEAGE

31 Dental Squadron activated, Dec 1997

STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy

ASSIGNMENTS

31 Medical Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc nebuly Or and Azure, in chief the head of a Wyvern Sable, armed Silver Gray, eyed Gules, detailed Argent, and in base an odont of the first, all within a narrow Yellow border. Above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CAVE ICTUS DRACO" in Yellow letters. Below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "31ST DENTAL SQUADRON "in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The nebuly symbolizes the unit's tie to the parent wing. The Wyvern head describes the Squadron's unyielding determination in support of the mission. The eye indicates the focus on the mission. The dental symbol, the odont representing dentistry, attests to the exceptional professionalism of the unit's personnel.

MOTTO

CAVE ICTUS DRACO--Beware the Dragon's Bite

OPERATIONS

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