

42 HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

42 Medical Operations Squadron constituted, 31 Aug 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 42 Healthcare Operations Squadron, 5 Aug 2019

STATIONS

Maxwell AFB, AL, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

42 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Oct] 1994-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011
1 Jul 2012-30 Jun 2014
1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2017
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019

EMBLEM

Per pile Gules and Azure, in chief a cross couped of the first charged with a staff of Aesculapius Sable, in dexter a pair of hands appaumé conjoined fesswise reversed and couped at the wrists Proper, in sinister a torch Argent enflamed Or, both detailed Black, all within a narrow bordure Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "42D MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COMPASSION SERVICE EXCELLENCE" in Black letters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 and Rod of Aesculapius are symbols of the medical profession. The cupped hands signify the "caring while healing" demeanor of the unit's personnel. The torch reflects the continuous healthcare education required of the unit in preparation for their mission. (15 Feb 2001)

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Sources

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