

## 45 OPERATIONAL MEDICAL READINESS SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The squadron seeks to maximize the readiness and operating effectiveness through specialized medical care for all flying and special duty personnel. They provide comprehensive health promotional programs and dental, optometry, and immunization services for 3,200 active and 35,000 non-active duty beneficiaries. They help ensure a healthy and safe workplace throughout the wing. Finally, the squadron assesses and improves the deployability of all Air Force personnel.

### **LINEAGE**

45 Aerospace Medicine Squadron constituted, 26 Sep 1994  
Activated, 1 Oct 1994  
Redesignated 45 Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, 30 Nov 1998  
Redesignated 45 Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 16 Jun 2010  
Redesignated 45 Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, 6 Jul 2019

### **STATIONS**

Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1994

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

45 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1994

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Teresa M. Skojac

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Oct 1994]-30 Aug 1995

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1996

1 Sep 1997-31 Aug 1998

1 Jan-31 Dec 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

1 Dec 2006-30 Sep 2008

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2014-30 Sep 2015

## EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, issuant from base a demi-globe Celeste, grid lined and edged Sable, overall an ascending air flight symbol elevated Argent, terminating in a contrail Gules, entwined by a snake with head extended to dexter and mouth agape Or, langued and eyed of the fifth, ensigned by six mullets arced in chief of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COURAGE HEALTH LIFE" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "45TH AEROMEDICAL DENTAL SQ" 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 globe represents the “launch platform” for all space operations. The snake entwined around the contrail symbolically links the healing arts to space. Taken together, this element represents the entwining of and undeviating course in accomplishing the unit’s two major objectives: healing and support of the operational mission of the 45th Space Wing. The six mullets represent the six corps of the Squadron membership: Biological Science Corps, Dental Corps, Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Medical Service Corps, and Enlisted Corps. They also represent the six flights comprising the Squadron: Bioenvironmental Engineering, Dental, Flight/Missile Medicine, Public Health, Readiness, and Health Promotions. (Approved, 22 Mar 2006)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

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### Sources

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