

48 HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Medical Operations Squadron constituted, 1 Aug 1994

Activated, 1 Sep 1994

Redesignated 48 Healthcare Operations Squadron, 13 Jul 2020

STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 1 Sep 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Medical Group, 1 Sep 1994

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Albert W. Swanegan, 7 Sep 1994

Lt Col Paul R. Ziaya, 17 Nov 1995

Col Linda E. Henderson, 11 July 1997

Lt Col David M. Jenkins, 2 Sep 1999

Lt Col Joseph D. Dye, 2 Jul 2001

Col James A. King, 30 Sep 2003

Col Matthew P. Wicklund, 9 Aug 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Mar 2015-29 Feb 2016

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

6 Sep 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Aug 1996-30 Sep 1998
24 Mar-10 June 1999
1 Oct 2000-24 Sep 2002
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004-31 Oct 2005
1 Jan-31 Dec 2007
1 Jan-31 Dec 2008
1 Jan 2009-31 Dec 2010
1 Jan 2014-31 Dec 2015

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Blue and 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 Statue of Liberty “enlightening the world” represents the unit’s patriotic defense of our constitutional liberties. Its torch is entwined with a serpent, reminiscent of the Staff of Aesculapius. The flame is marked with a red cross. Both are symbols of the medical field and

symbolic of the squadron's medical functions. The stars denote the many medical services provided by the unit. (Approved, 19 Mar 1997)



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Sources

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