

55 MEDICAL GROUP



MISSION

The 55 Medical Group mission is active management of care and optimization of access across the healthcare continuum to ensure a fit, ready force and healthy population. Commitment to expeditionary medical operations and operational support to Team Offutt.

The Med Group team is made up of 750 members. 430 team members are medics that are deployment-ready and support all the current operations. The MDG operates ACC's only Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) clinic supporting 1K members across the 55 Wing, USSTRATCOM and Global Strike Command ensuring NC2 fidelity and the ISR mission. The Mental Health Department collaborates with Team Offutt and our community partners to reduce the incidence of suicide, maltreatment, alcohol/drug misuse and provide wounded warrior support.

The 750 medical group members provide health care to more than 48K DoD beneficiaries. This care includes: 220K annual medical and dental appointments, 330K annual prescriptions, 127K labs and 43K diagnostic images. The group also provides the post graduate education and training of more than 150 medical and dental personnel annually. The unit advises the 55th Wing on medical, environmental, public health and readiness issues impacting 55 Wing assets and Team Offutt's 50 partner units.

LINEAGE

55 Station Medical Group constituted, 29 Jun 1948

Activated, 19 Jul 1948

Redesignated 55 Medical Group, 1 Apr 1949

Inactivated, 14 Oct 1949

Activated, 1 Nov 1950

Redesignated 55 Medical Squadron, 10 Feb 1951
Redesignated 55 Medical Group, 14 Feb 1952
Redesignated 55 Tactical Hospital, 15 Feb 1954
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1958

865 Medical Group constituted, 5 Jun 1955
Activated, 1 Jul 1959
Redesignated Ehrling Bergquist USAF Hospital, 15 Jul 1966
Redesignated Ehrling Bergquist USAF Regional Hospital, 2 Jul 1969
Redesignated Ehrling Bergquist Strategic Hospital, 15 Oct 1987
Redesignated Ehrling Bergquist Hospital, 1 Jun 1992

55 Tactical Hospital and Ehrling Bergquist Hospital consolidated, 30 Sep 1993. Consolidated organization designated 55 Medical Group, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 19 Jul 1948-14 Oct 1949
Ramey AFB, PR, 1 Nov 1950
Forbes AFB, KS, 5 Oct 1952-1 Nov 1958
Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Jul 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

55 Wing

COMMANDERS

Col Stephen Mounts

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Aug 2002-31 May 2004
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006
1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007
1 Jun 2007-31 May 2008
1 Jun 2008-31 May 2009
1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010
1 Jun 2012-31 May 2014
1 Jun 2014-31 May 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

Jul 1956-Nov 1957

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1972

1 Jul 1973-30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

1 Aug 1993-31 Jul 1995

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012

1 Jun 2015-31 May 2016

EMBLEM



865 Medical Group emblem



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OPERATIONS

Colonel Ehrling Bergquist was a former Command Surgeon of SAC who lost his life in an airplane crash near Offutt in 1949.

With the end of the draft in 1973, there was a shortage of physicians at Offutt AFB and, to satisfy the need for competent medical care to military members and their dependents, the base hospital adopted the use of physician assistants and dental assistants. The specially trained enlisted assistants, along with more highly trained nurses and clinicians performed many of the routine medical tasks previously accomplished only by one of the professionals. And even more progressive in the eyes of some, the commander of the E B USAF Regional Hospital recommended to HQ SAC that the Air Force contract with civilian physicians to fill the positions in the emergency and acute illness sections, thereby alleviating the already heavy workload of the military doctors so they could work more in their areas of specialization. This plan would allow the patients to benefit from the specialized knowledge of the physicians and would hopefully result in a higher level of morale for the overworked doctors. But, even with the new "physician extenders" and the plan for future care, medical treatment for many retired members in the nearby communities had to be curtailed because of the doctor shortage.

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