

165 MEDICAL SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

165 USAF Dispensary federally recognized, 12 Jul 1958
Redesignated 165 USAF Clinic, 1973
Redesignated 165 Tactical Hospital, 1980
Redesignated 165 Medical Squadron, 1 Mar 1990

STATIONS

Savannah ANGB, Savannah, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

165 Airlift Wing

COMMANDERS

Cpt Lawrence M. Dunn, 1958
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LTC Harry E. Rollings, 1961
Maj Phillip T. Schley, 1965
Cpt David W. Fillingham, 1966
LTC William J. Jones, 1967
Cpt Carson B. Burgstiner
LTC Charles L. Braucher, 1977
Col Gordon Carson, 1979
Col Jesus Ortiz, 1982
Col Leon B. Curry, 1985
Col Ainsworth G. Dudley, 1989
Col Sidney J. Morgan, 1994
Col Gary N. Harvey, 1997
Col Thomas Dunham, 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 165th Medical Squadron was federally recognized on 12 July 1958 as the 165th USAF Dispensary. The Dispensary was under the command of Captain Lawrence M. Dunn. Prior to that time, there was a small medical section at the 158th Fighter Group (Air Defense) of the 116th Fighter Interceptor Wing. The manning document called for 10 officers and 30 enlisted personnel. When organized, there were 3 officers and 8 enlisted.

In late 1979, the clinic was expanded when the medical sections of the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron and the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron were absorbed into the Clinic.

The Hospital had a mobility mission as a 2E (Second Echelon) unit. With this change of mission came increased training in order to fulfill the mobility requirements. Many deployments were trips to Keesler AFB, MS., Lajes Field, Azores, Mather AFB, CA., Zweibruecken, Germany, Andrews AFB, MD, Tyndall AFB, FL., Korea for Operation "Team Spirit", Egypt for Operation "Bright Star", Scott AFB IE., RAF Brentwaters England, Alpena CRTC ME, Kirtland AFB, NM., and RAF Lakenheath, England.

In August 1990, four of our members participated in Operation Desert Storm. In July 1994 half of the Squadron were placed on State Active Duty to assist after the flood put Macon/Bibb County water system out of commission.

In April 1993, members of the 165th Tactical Hospital participated in the Atlanta Program "All Kids Count" to immunize children against communicable disease. A total of 25 Air Guard medics, doctors, and nurses from the 165th Tactical Hospital provided shots for babies and school aged youngsters. The Air Guard members also provided eye, ear and dental exams. More than 340 children received more than 700 shots to protect against seven childhood diseases.

The 165th members also participated in July 1993, with the Savannah/Chatham County Health

Department "Super Saturday" preschool immunization program. More than 200 children received free vaccinations. They were called to help the Jimmy Carter's Atlanta Project by Gov Zell Miller. The project was significant because it marked the first time for National Guard members to provide non emergency medical care inside the United States. Guard members have historically traveled to other parts of the world to give care, but were legally prohibited from providing those services domestically.

The 165th Medical Squadron provided medical support during the 1996 Summer Olympics Yachting events in Savannah. Several members of the unit went to the Republic of Georgia, Russia in 1996 and then several of the doctors of the Republic of Georgia came to Savannah in 1998. The unit started participating in the Air Expeditionary Forces in Mar 2000 with deployments to places like, Southwest Asia, Turkey, and Germany. The unit also deployed to Peru on a humanitarian mission in June of 2000.

Georgia Air National Guard's new \$6.9 million training/medical complex, which is adjacent to the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport. "We've literally got movers moving us in as we speak," said Chief Master Sgt. John R. Larrick, support group manager for the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center, as he led a tour Friday morning through the 165th Airlift Wing Medical Group's new office space inside the 30,000-square-foot facility. Torn pieces of notebook paper taped to doorways declare "public health" or "lab" of "BP, HT, WT" handwritten in Sharpie marker red ink. "This should make us more efficient and give us more room to work out of," said Maj. Charles Drown, of the 165th Medical Group. "In our old facility, people were jammed together." Just across the hall, other visitors toured an area designated for visiting medical units training for war. On the other side of the building, additional guests inspected new assembly rooms, classrooms and command space, all wired with satellite feeds, flat-screen televisions, surge protectors and red-colored power outlets already tapped into backup generators.2007

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