

# 1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL READINESS SQUADRON



## MISSION

The 1 SOMRS supports global special operations taskings as an Air Force component member of US Special Operations Command. Personnel ensure maximum wartime readiness via active duty medical care, deployment medicine, aircrew health care, disease prevention, wellness promotion, medical readiness, workspace/environmental surveillance, mental healthcare, and battlefield airmen medical support. The unit promotes and maintains health for 8,600 beneficiaries spread across 4 wings, 54 squadrons, and 18 other organizations.

## LINEAGE

1 Special Operations Aerospace Medicine Squadron constituted, 1 May 2007

Activated, 30 May 2007

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Medical Readiness Squadron, 7 Jun 2019

## STATIONS

Eglin AF Aux Fld #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 30 May 2007

Hurlburt Field, FL

## ASSIGNMENTS

1 Special Operations Medical Group, 30 May 2007

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

## Service Streamers

## Campaign Streamers

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor  
[30 May] 2007-30 Jun 2007

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011

1 Oct 2011-30 Sept 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sept 2015

1 Oct 2015-30 Sept 2017

1 Oct 2017-30 Sept 2019

1 Oct 2019-30 Sept 2021

## EMBLEM



On a disc as a globe per pale Azure and Sable, gridlined Or, per pale overall a dagger Argent (Silver Gray), hilted of the third, the pommel terminating in a Greek cross Gules, entwined by a stylized serpent Vert, eyed of the third and pupil of the second; all within a narrow border Or. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DEFENDO SALUS AD VITAM" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "1 SOAMDS" in Yellow 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 indicates the world-wide reach of the unit. The division of the globe into night and day hemispheres depicts service at all hours. The dagger represents the Air Force Special Operations Command. The Greek cross, also known as the “crux immissa quadrata,” represents urgent medical care. The cross combined with the dagger signifies medical support of the military units. The serpent entwined around the dagger is a reference to the Rod of Aesculapius, the ancient Greek symbol associated with the healing aspect of the medical arts.

### **MOTTO**

DEFENDO SALUS AD VITAM--Defending Health for Life

### **OPERATIONS**

The 1 Special Operations Aerospace Medicine Squadron accomplishes global special operations taskings as an Air Force component member of US Special Operations Command. The unit promotes and maintains health of 8,000 active duty, reserve IMA, and civilian personnel, and 22,000 beneficiaries from 4 groups, 30 squadrons, 12 staff agencies, and 38 tenant units. Personnel ensure maximum wartime readiness via aircrew healthcare, disease prevention, wellness promotion, medical readiness, and workspace/environmental surveillance.

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#### Sources

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