

## 559<sup>th</sup> MEDICAL GROUP



### **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

559<sup>th</sup> Medical Group established, 26 Jan 2010  
Activated, 31 Jan 2010

### **STATIONS**

Lackland AFB, TX, 31 Jan 2010

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing, 31 Jan 2010

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Rick Campise

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

#### **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

Azure, above in base an arched wall with three capstones, one, one and one, charged with two pillars, one in dexter and one in sinister Argent, masoned Sable, three mullets fesswise, trails descending palewise Or, overall a cross Gules, fimbriated of the second, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "559TH MEDICAL GROUP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Roman style archway reflects the immense strength and fortitude of Air Force Airmen while the center archway signifies that unit members are "Gateway Medics" supporting Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, the enlisted "Gateway to the Air Force" and the foundation of the Air Force enlisted training platform. The nine lines around the arch represent the nine enlisted ranks the trainees can advance to achieve. Lines of the archway also represent the constancy of the mission and the fervent determination the unit employs to accomplish it. The Group mission is reflected in the two wall halves signifying family medicine and operational medicine. The shapes of the bricks used to form the walls signify their diverse mission and the detailed planning necessary to accomplish it. The two pillars represent the two units, 559th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and 559th Medical Operations Squadron that make up the Group. Each pillar has three parts. The top stone represents each squadron commander, the second stone stands for the squadron superintendent and the column symbolizes the squadron members. Both squadrons are vital to the accomplishment of the Group's complex mission, just like each archway pillar is key to supporting the weight of the entire structure. The three capstones represent the group commander, superintendent and executive leadership staff. The pillar stones and capstones are on top to signify that the leadership leads from the front. The cross reflects the blood of life that the unit provides as medics. It also represents the first half of the Group's vision to "develop patient focused quality care." The cross serves to represent the entire beneficiary population. The four points of the cross represent the four corners of the earth and are symbolic of the global impact their medical care has on the patient population. The stars represent the second half of the Group's vision to "grow tomorrow's leaders." The first star embodies the officer corps which carries the responsibility of taking the lead no matter the situation. The middle star stands for the leaders in the enlisted corps who are central to the day-to-day success of the mission. The third star represents civilian leaders. The trailing tails from the stars represent the path each leader leaves behind for others to follow as they are mentored to become effective leaders. The three stars represent the Air Force's three core values: "Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do." Finally, the stars are the highest element on the shield to show that their leaders take full responsibility and accountability for everything within the scope of their charge. (Approved, 9 Sep 2010)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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