

673 AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

73 Medical Materiel Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1951

Activated, 19 Sep 1951

Inactivated, 15 Nov 1953

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

Reconstituted and redesignated 673 Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 14 Dec 2009

Activated, 24 Jun 2010

STATIONS

Kelly AFB, TX, 19 Sep 1951-15 Jan 1952

Landstuhl (later, Einsiedlerhoff-Rhine Pflaz), Germany, 2 Feb 1952-15 Nov 1953

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 24 Jun 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

San Antonio Air Materiel Area, 19 Sep 1951

73 Supply Group, 7 Feb 1952-15 Nov 1953

673 Medical Group, 24 Jun 2010

COMMANDERS

Col Timothy D. Ballard, Aug 2008-Jun 2011

Col Brandon Clint

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure a winged caduceus Silver Gray, the staff as a sword point to base Or, all detailed and outlined Sable, all adorned and dripping melting ice Argent, in dexter to base the constellation Ursa Major of the third, in sinister to base a cross Gules, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "673D AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "GLACIALIS ELECTUS" 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 emblem background alludes to the domain of the unit's air and space power. The motto, "Glacialis Electus," translates to "Frozen Chosen" and symbolizes the harsh work environment and elite professionals who display purpose and dedication in supporting the flying community and their mission. A frozen caduceus signifies the proud professionals who comprise Aerospace Medicine. The caduceus wings and blade represent the richness of the Squadron's union and identifies the strength, knowledge and exceptional care they provide their customers. The ice draped over the caduceus denotes the cold, harsh environment of sky and space. Ursa Major is a major constellation used in navigation by aviators and is a representation of designs currently and historically found on superior command unit patches. A small cross alludes to the unit's obligation to uphold the Geneva Conventions and identifies with the medical professionals whose sole mission is to care for the injured, ill and wounded.

MOTTO

GLACIALIS ELECTUS--Frozen Chosen

NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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