

48 DENTAL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Dental Squadron constituted, 1 Aug 1994
Activated, 1 Sep 1994

STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 1 Sep 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Medical Group, 1 Sep 1994

COMMANDERS

Col John W. Shaner 7 Sep 1994
Col Benjamin Blackham 2 Jul 1997
Col Elliot R. Shulman 5 Jul 2000
Col James E. King 3 Jul 2002
Col Douglas C. Wilson 30 June 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

6 Sep 1994 – 30 Jun 1996

1 Aug 1996 – 30 Jun 1998

24 Mar – 10 Jun 1999

1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sep 2000

1 Oct 2000 – 24 Sep 2002

1 Oct 2002 – 30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004 – 31 Oct 2005

1 Nov 2005 – 31 Dec 2006

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a dexter cubit arm vested and grasping a torch erect Argent detailed Sable, enflamed Or, with flame cone Gules casting an aura natural, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "48TH DENTAL SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "YOU SMILE BECAUSE WE CARE" 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 torch and flame, symbolic of the unit's dedication to the 48th Fighter Wing, represents freedom and enlightenment. The ivory tooth-shaped aura represents the Squadron's unwavering commitment to wartime readiness and peacetime oral health. (Approved 20 June 2001)

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YOU SMILE BECAUSE WE CARE

OPERATIONS

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