

# 52 MEDICAL GROUP

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

52 Station Medical Group constituted, 10 May 1948

Activated, 9 Jun 1948

Redesignated 52 Medical Group, 1 Apr 1949

Inactivated 6 Feb 1952

Redesignated 52 USAF Infirmary, 20 June 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Redesignated 52 USAF Dispensary, 8 May 1957

Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

USAF Dispensary, Spangdahlem constituted, 10 Dec 1971

Activated, 31 Dec 1971

Redesignated USAF Clinic, Spangdahlem, 19 Oct 1972

Redesignated 52 Tactical Fighter Wing Clinic, 1 Sep 1988

52 USAF Dispensary and USAF Dispensary, Spangdahlem consolidated, 1 Mar 1992

Redesignated 52 Medical Squadron, 31 Mar 1992

Redesignated 52 Medical Group, 1 Jul 1994

### STATIONS

Mitchell AFB, NY, 9 Jun 1948

McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949-6 Feb 1952

Suffolk County AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955-31 Dec 1969

Spangdahlem, AB, Germany, 31 Dec 1971

### ASSIGNMENTS

52 Fighter Wing, All Weather (later, 52 Fighter-All Weather Wing; 52 Fighter Interceptor Wing), 9 Jun 1948-6 Feb 1952

52 Fighter Group (Air Defense), 18 Aug 1955

52 Fighter Wing (Air Defense), 1 Jul 1963  
52 Fighter Group (Air Defense), 30 Jun 1968-31 Dec 1969  
52 Tactical Fighter (later, 52 Fighter) Wing, 31 Dec 1971

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt John R. Vaverka, #1956  
Capt Walter C. Barnes, Jr., #1960

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device  
1 Sep 1990-26 Feb 1991

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980  
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Aug 1995-31 Jul 1997  
[1 Aug] 1997-30 Jun 1999  
24 Mar-10 Jun 1999  
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001  
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003  
1 Jul 2003- 30 Jun 2005  
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2010

## **EMBLEM**



USAF Clinic, Spangdahlem



## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

Originally, the 52 USAF Dispensary was organized as a section within the 77th Air Base Squadron, Suffolk County Air Force Base. The medical facility became an independent unit in February 1953, when the 519th USAF Infirmary was officially activated. In August 1955, Air Defense Command General Orders No. 35 and No. 37 deactivated the 519th USAF Infirmary and activated the 52 USAF Dispensary in May 1957.

Today, the 52 USAF Dispensary, Class "A" is a 10-operating bed facility which provides medical and dental care to all military personnel assigned or attached to Suffolk County Air Force Base. In addition, the facility provides out-patient medical care to the dependents of military personnel, who reside in the vicinity of Suffolk County Air Force Base.

52 Medical Group Provided Persian War veterans with Persian Gulf Syndrome evaluations and supported Operation Provide Hope.

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