

59 PHARMACY SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

959 Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron constituted, 5 Mar 1998

Activated, 1 Apr 1998

Redesignated 59 Pharmacy Squadron, 31 May 2007

Inactivated,

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

59 Diagnostics and Therapeutics (later, 59 Clinical Support) Group, 1 Apr 1998

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Craig A. Olson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Apr]-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan 2002-31 Dec 2003

1 Jan-31 Dec 2004

1 Jan 2005-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

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OPERATIONS

The 959th MDTs was the largest nutritional medicine operation in the AFMS and led the nutritional medicine career field in deployments for 2005.

Personnel deployed in support of Expeditionary Medical Support hospitals and the Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad AB, Iraq. 959th MDTs deployed personnel served over 13,000 meals per month.

The Medical Food Management Flight served over 1.1M meals and controlled over \$2.2M of subsistence/supplies in 2005. Squadron members provided outstanding professional catering support for over 20 functions for visiting dignitaries, VIPs, and wing staff. Food service staff enhanced wing morale by serving over 2,200 patrons per meal at monthly and holiday theme meals and increased offerings in the grab-and-go food service area, resulting in increased utilization.

The Clinical Nutrition Flight provided comprehensive nutrition care and medical nutrition therapy during the completion of 18,718 inpatient visits. The Nutritional Medicine Education Flight provided medical nutritional therapy or nutrition education to over 4,500 outpatients. Clinic individual and group appointments were provided on weight management, prenatal nutrition, gestational diabetes, cardiac risk reduction and other topics.

Dietitians served on the American Dietetic Association's beta testing for the internet-based Nutrition Care Manual. They continued to lead the revision of the nutrition education component for the AF Fitness Program as part of the dietetics strategic initiative on standardizing all nutrition programs. They also led or participated in other AF dietetics strategic initiatives on readiness, consulting, and benchmarking.

The entire 959th MDTs continued as the AF training site for the U.S. Military Dietetic Internship Consortium. Three AF dietetic interns graduated in May. Two new AF dietetic interns were recruited, started the program in August, and were trained in administrative and clinical dietetics and food service management. Three Army dietetic interns were precepted in rotation on pediatric and obstetrical nutrition.

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Sources

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