59th DENTAL SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE
59th Dental Squadron constituted, 5 Mar 1998
Activated, 1 Apr 1998

STATIONS
Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1998

ASSIGNMENTS
59th Aeromedical-Dental (later, 59th Dental Training; 59th Dental) Group, 1 Apr 1998

COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers
None

Campaign Streamers
None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers
None

Decorations
Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
[1 Apr]-30 Jun 1998
EMBLEM
On a disc tierced in pile reversed, Azure, Gules and Argent, a Rod of Aesculapius Sable, entwined with a serpent White, eyed and langued of the fourth and surmounted with a capital letter “D” of the second fimbriated Black, between a mullet White and a torch Bronze detailed Black, enflamed Proper (Yellow and Scarlet), all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “59TH DENTAL SQUADRON” in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CARE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE" 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 star signifies the Squadron is the stellar graduate dental organization within the United States Air Force. The torch represents the purity of knowledge gained from the unit’s training programs that light the way to a brighter future of research. The Staff of Aesculapius symbolizes the medical profession. (Approved, 28 Nov 2001)

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OPERATIONS
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Flight (MRDM): Col Craig Fowler was Flight Commander during 2005.

Endodontics Flight (MRDN): Col Thomas Beeson was Flight Commander. During 2005, the flight graduated two residents and led student support for a two-week post-graduate course for eight students (the only DoD hands-on endodontic training). The flight acquired residents from Keesler AFB and LSU in the wake of Hurricane Katrina (second-years Lt Col Lee Fulsasas and Capt Shane Hanson, and first-years Maj Dennis Holt and Capt James Watts). The first-year residents treated patients for the first time in the history of WHMC endodontic training.

Central to the wing’s support of war on terrorism, the flight expedited the care of 340 non-deployable dental Class III patients. The staff promptly appointed 390 patients from seven referring DoD facilities which reduced the waiting time from 72 to 24 hours.

Orthodontics Flight (MRDR): Upon the retirement of Col David Gonzales, Col Eric Brendlinger assumed the position of Flight Commander.