

79th MEDICAL WING



MISSION

79th Medical Wing is the Air Force's single medical voice for planning and implementing Air Force and joint medical solutions within the National Capital Region (NCR). Activated on May 10, 2006, it is the largest wing within the Air Force District of Washington and only the second medical wing in the Air Force.

The 79th Medical Wing is a tenant unit on Andrews, and headquartered at Malcolm Grow Medical Center. As part of its mission, the wing organizes, trains, equips and provides medical forces for Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment, homeland operations and in support of joint operations within the NCR, and is the East Coast hub for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured patients from the Atlantic area.

Additionally, the 79th Medical Wing is responsible for providing medical support to Presidential, Congressional, Joint and Air Staff special airlift missions.

LINEAGE

79th USAF Infirmary constituted, 20 Jun 1955
Activated, 18 Aug 1955
Redesignated, 79th USAF Dispensary, 8 May 1957
Discontinued, 1 Mar 1960
Redesignated, 79th Medical Wing, 5 May 2006
Activated, 10 May 2006
Activated, 12 May 2006

STATIONS

Youngstown Muni Arpt, OH, 18 Aug 1955-1 Mar 1960
Andrews AFB, MD, 10 May 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

79th Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955-1 Mar 1960
Air Force District of Washington, 10 May 2006

COMMANDERS

BG Gar S. Graham

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Per bend Gules and Azure, surmounted by the Staff of Aesculapius bendwise Silver Gray and between in chief sinister a silhouetted Capitol dome Argent, and in dexter base an inverted triangle of the second charged with a mullet of the fourth, bearing a torteau, winged Or, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "79TH MEDICAL WING" in Blue 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 Staff of Aesculapius represents the healing arts practiced in the medical profession. The Capitol dome symbolizes the National Capital Region. The inverted triangle charged with a Hap Arnold star signifies the three geographic units in service under the Medical Wing, while also representing the history of service to the Air Force in times of adversity. (Approved, 21 Nov 2006)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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