

81st MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

81st Medical Support Squadron
Activated, 25 Aug 1994

STATIONS

Keesler AFB, MS

ASSIGNMENTS

81st Medical Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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On a disc Argent, a cross Gules, surmounted by a Rod of Aesculapius Or, entwined by a serpent Sable, scales Celeste, eyes and teeth of the first, claws Gules, feathers Azure, horns, feet and belly of the third, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "SERVE TRAIN EQUIP" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "81 MDSS" 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 dragon is an updated version of the 81st Training Wing's traditional English heraldic dragon that is associated with its history of operations in England as part of the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) for over 40 years. Today, the Wing and its three groups still utilize the blue English heraldic dragon. The dragon represents lineage and the power that the Squadron unleashes to support, equip and excel all other squadrons in the 81st Medical Group. The dragon is wrapped around a physician's staff and represents a modified caduceus, reinforcing that the 81 MDSS is a medical unit. The red cross is the traditional medical symbol and represents that even though the unit is not a patient care unit, they are medics at their core.

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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