

88 SURGICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

74 Surgical Operations Squadron constituted and activated, 10 Sep 2003
Redesignated 88 Surgical Operations Squadron, 20 Oct 2004

STATIONS

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 10 Sep 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

74 Medical Group, 10 Sep 2003
88 Medical Group, 20 Oct 2004

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004
1 May 2008-30 April 2010
21 Jun 2010-20 Jun 2012

1 Jul 2012-20 Jun 2013
1 Aug 2013-31 Jul 2015

EMBLEM

On a disc Silver Gray, above in base a pair of scalpels crossed at the base Sable, a shield Azure, fimbriated of the second, charged with a cross couped Gules, surmounted by a Rod of Aesculapius of the second, serpent Argent, langued of the fourth, eyed of the second, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "88TH SURGICAL OPERATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "MANUS PERITA CHALYBS ACCURATUS" 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 shield alludes to the protection and safety the unit provides its patients. The cross represents the Squadron's core mission and competency as medics and signifies the duality of the unit's health profession and military mobility commitment. The Rod of Aesculapius symbolizes the unit's primary mission to provide care to the sick and injured. Crossed scalpels signify the cutting edge surgical capability of the unit and its determination to maintain professional growth. (Approved, 2 Apr 2013)

MOTTO

MANUS PERITA CHALYBS ACCURATUS--Skilled Hands, Precision Steel

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Sources

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