



United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

59 Medical Wing (AFMEDCOM)

Lineage. Established as 59 Observation Group on 21 Aug 1941. Activated on 1 Sep 1941. Inactivated on 18 Oct 1942. Activated on 1 Mar 1943. Redesignated as: 59 Reconnaissance Group on 2 Apr 1943; 59 Fighter Group on 11 Aug 1943. Disestablished on 1 May 1944. Redesignated as 59 Tactical Fighter Wing on 31 Jul 1985 but remained inactive. Consolidated (1 Jul 1993) with Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, which was first designated as the 3700 Medical Squadron on 25 Aug 1948. Organized on 26 Aug 1948. Redesignated as: 3700 Station Medical Squadron on 1 Nov 1948; 3700 Medical Group on 27 Jun 1950; 3700 USAF Hospital on 16 Oct 1953; USAF Hospital, Lackland on 1 Jul 1958; Wilford Hall USAF Hospital on 2 Mar 1963; Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center on 1 Jul 1969; 59 Medical Wing on 1 Jul 1993.

Assignments. I Air Support (later, I Ground Air Support) Command, 1 Sep 1941; First Air Force, 21 Aug-18 Oct 1942. Third Air Force, 1 Mar 1943; III Fighter Command, by Sep 1943-1 May 1944. 3700 Basic Training Wing, 26 Aug 1948; Indoctrination Division, Air Training Command, 22 Apr 1949; 3700 AF Indoctrination Wing (later, 3700 Military Training Wing; Lackland Military Training Center), 28 Oct 1948; USAF Aerospace Medical Center, 1 Oct 1959 (attached to Aerospace Medical Division, 1 Nov 1961-14 Apr 1962); Aerospace Medical Division, 15 Apr 1962; Air Training Command, 15 Jan 1987; San Antonio Joint Military Medical Command, 16 Feb 1987; Air Training (later, Air Education and Training) Command, 1 Oct 1991; Air Force Medical Command, 8 Sep 2025-.

Operational Components. *Squadrons.* **9** Observation (later, 9 Reconnaissance; 488 Fighter): 1 Mar 1943-1 May 1944. **103** Observation: 1 Sep 1941-18 Oct 1942. **104** Observation (later, 104 Reconnaissance; 489 Reconnaissance; 489 Fighter): 1 Sep 1941-18 Oct 1942; 1 Mar 1943-1 May 1944. **119** Observation (later, 119 Reconnaissance; 490 Fighter): 1 Mar 1943-1 May 1944. **126** Observation (later, 126 Reconnaissance; 34 Photographic Reconnaissance): 1 Sep 1941-18 Oct 1942; 1 Mar-11 Aug 1943. **447** Fighter: 20 Nov 1943-1 May 1944.

Stations. Newark, NJ, 1 Sep 1941; Ft Dix, NJ, 14 Nov 1941-18 Oct 1942. Ft Myers, FL, 1 Mar 1943; Thomasville AAFld, GA, c. 30 Mar 1943-1 May 1944. Lackland AFB (later, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland), TX, 26 Aug 1948-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Antisubmarine; American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1957-31 Dec 1963; 1 Jan 1965-30 Jun 1966; 1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1976; 1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980; 1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984; 1 Jan 1986–31 Dec 1987; 19 Dec 1989-31 Jan 1990; 1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996; 1 Jul 1997-30 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; 1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010; 1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011; 1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013; 1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014; 1 Jul 2014-30 Jun 2015; 1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2016; 1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017; 1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2018; 1 Jul 2018-30 Jun 2019; 1 Jul 2019-30 Jun 2020; 1 Jul 2020-30 Jun 2021. Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 2021-30 Jun 2022.

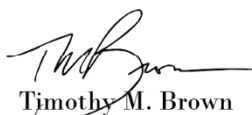
Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 28 Nov 2025.

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