

**Project Name: David Grant USAF Medical Center (DGMC)**

**Organizations/People Involved:**

**FPO-1:** FPO-1H, Frank Gorman, Lt McClay, Lt Rodgers, WESTDIV NAVFAC, OICC Travis

**Date:** 1984-1989

**Project Summary:**

The **David Grant USAF Medical Center (DGMC)** at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, is the U.S. Air Force's largest medical center in the continental United States and serves military beneficiaries throughout eight western states. The facility has received five national awards for design and construction, is built to withstand major earthquakes, and can operate for up to a week using internal utility capabilities. Additionally, key structural members and foundations are sized for future vertical expansion.

The present state-of-the-art medical center opened its doors on December 19, 1988 at a cost of \$193 million utilizing a design-build contract. Included under specialized services, DGMC provides Hyperbaric Medicine support for VA San Francisco and VA Palo Alto Medical Centers.

Overall construction administration was provided by NAVFAC under interservice operating agreements. The design and construction of the hyperbaric facilities were performed by FPO-1H with field construction managed by OFP officers. Lt McClay was the first AROICC, followed by LT Rodgers as the project completed.

DGMC opened the Hyperbaric Medicine department in 1989. One of the largest clinical hyperbaric chambers in North America, it can hold 18 patients and three inside observers in the main chamber, and up to five patients in either of the other two chambers respectively. Constantly staffed, maintained and fully operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year basis since 1990, it cost approximately \$12 million to build as a portion of the hospital Military Construction project.

