



# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Malcolm Grow Medical Center Andrews\_AFB, Maryland

## Sequence of Events

#### **Opening Remarks**

#### **Arrival Fanfare**

<u>Presentation of Colors</u> Andrews Air Force Base Honor Guard

#### National Anthem

Invocation Chaplain Michael Thornton

<u>Remarks</u> Brigadier General William J. Germann Commander, 89th Medical Group

Major General Barbara C. Brannon Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General

> Ribbon Cutting Honored Guests

**Closing Remarks** 

**Facility Tour** 

(Reception immediately following ceremony on the 2nd Floor)

### History

Malcolm Grow Medical Center (MGMC) is a state-of-the-art medical facility and dental clinic that has been in operation since 1958. The 89th Medical Group provides community-centered health care, readiness support, and educational programs. In addition to primary care services, MGMC offers 28 different medical and surgical sub-specialties. Healing therapies such as acupuncture and chiropractic care were recently added, as well as digital imaging capabilities and a new MRI suite. It is a leader in outpatient care with approximately 27,000 patient visits each month. Additionally, Malcolm Grow's Aeromedical Staging Facility (ASF) coordinates medical airlift and recovery requirements for more than 8,000 patients and attendants annually. The ASF can expand to 100 beds and has provided integral support to casualties from Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, as well as humanitarian missions throughout the world. Finally, Malcolm Grow serves as a training facility for medical students, transitional interns and family practice residents, as well as, numerous other officer and enlisted career fields – approximately 1,500 annually!

In the late 1990's, leadership recognized the need to improve on the conditions of the modular buildings that housed several outpatient clinics. They determined a new building was the best option and the Navy was chosen to direct the construction. In March of 2000, the design for the new clinic was issued and the groundbreaking began on August 26, 2002. Despite occasional setbacks (3 "once in a hundred year" rains), the building was completed and turned over to the 89th Medical Group on November 15, 2004. The building provides 34,233 square feet of space to serve the approximately 15,600 TRICARE Prime enrollees who will use it. This building is the new home for the Primary Care Clinic (Gold Team), Pediatric Clinic, Dermatology Clinic, and the Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Clinic. It is based on the Air Force Medical Support Agency "Clinic of the Future" model, a state-of-the-art design, with larger treatment rooms and newer technology to maximize efficiency and comfort. The addition of this primary care building is one more step in making MGMC the quality epicenter for the health care of DOD beneficiaries in the National Capital Area.