

**Nationwide  
2001**



## Telling the Army Reserve Story



# Army Reservists Provide Medical Care at Rosebud Reservation

*Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class D. Keith Johnson  
U.S. Army Reserve Command Public Affairs*

(Rosebud Indian Reservations, South Dakota) For the U.S. Army Reserve, lending a helping hand is not something new. Today, reserve soldiers are practicing their skills, and at the same time, are helping in communities throughout the United States.

Members of two U.S. Army Reserve units, the 333rd Medical Company (Dental) from Savannah, Georgia, and the 309th Combat Support Hospital, from Hanscom Air Force Base near Bedford, Massachusetts, participated in Operation Walking Shield by providing medical and dental care to residents of the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

At the Rosebud Medical Center, the reservists supplemented the full-time staff of the center. The reservists worked in the dental clinic, pharmacy, outpatient center, and administration services and in surgery.

Lt. Col. Bernice Scales, a dentist from Albany, Georgia, and her crew of dental assistants from the 333rd performed various dental procedures at the clinic. Extractions, permanent and temporary fillings and x-rays were the most common activities.

"These soldiers have done procedures here they've never performed before. This is good training for them," said Lt. Col. William Bornstein.



*Army Reserve dentists from Savannah's 333rd Medical Company at work at Rosebud Indian Reservations, South Dakota.*

Spc. Amy DiDomenico, a nurse from Andover, Massachusetts, used her Army training to obtain her nursing certification from the state of Massachusetts. She passed her test, "based on what I learned from the Army," she said. DiDomenico is a nurse with the 309th.

