

146 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

To support worldwide joint war-fighting requirements by allocating superior combat ready Tactical Air Control Party assets to provide liaison, C2; terminal control, and airpower expertise for aligned ground maneuver units (45th & 40th Brigade Combat Teams), enabling rapid, decisive, and sustainable effects on the battlefield.

LINEAGE

146th Air Support Operations Squadron activated 1 Oct 2008

STATIONS

Will Rogers ANGB, Oklahoma City, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Bruce Hamilton

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc per fess Azure and Vert, embattled Gules, a lightning flash issuant from sinister chief to dexter base Or, overall a tomahawk bend sinisterwise Sable, ax head Argent (Silver Gray), tied saltirewise of the third, the handle banded of the first, of the fourth, of the third and of the first, all within a narrow border Red. Attached below the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "146TH AIR SUPPORT OPS SQ" in Red letters. Attached above the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "PLAINS WARRIORS" in Red 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 keystone suggested by the embattlement symbolizes the ground forces the unit supports. The lightning flash striking from the sky to the ground represents the electronic communications necessary to control tactical airpower. The tomahawk, branded with the unit's colors around the handle, symbolizes airpower and proudly illustrates the unit's local Native American heritage. The motto, "Plains Warriors," represents the powerful Native American warrior traditions of the Oklahoma Air National Guard and honors the first warriors of the area.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Joint terminal attack controllers from the Oklahoma Air National Guard began training at Will Rogers ANG Base near Oklahoma City on the Air Force's first virtual-reality simulator designed to support their combat mission. The \$2 million ANG Advanced Terminal Attack Controller Training System, or AAJTS, is a projection dome that can link pilots flying simulators worldwide to JTACs in real time. "Airplanes only have a certain amount of fuel," said Lt. Col. James Waltermire, commander of the Oklahoma Air Guard's 146th Air Support Operations Squadron "With this system, we can reset and get it right before going to a live range," he added. The AAJTS simulator can also project infrared graphics for night-vision-goggle training, according to the release. The Air Force plans to open several AAJTS simulators, including two for the Active Duty JTAC schoolhouse at Nellis AFB, Nevada. The Oklahoma air guardsmen started their training on May 7, 2014

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