

355 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 355 Force Support Squadron is a hybrid organization melding the components of the Services, Manpower, and Personnel functional specialties. The unit is comprised of dedicated Airmen, civilian and contract employees. The 355 FSS provides the Desert Lightning team combat and community support by delivering morale, welfare, recreation, manpower and personnel programs services for over 7,000 active duty, 3,400 civilian employees, 10,000 dependents and approximately 25,000 retirees assigned to 355 Fighter Wing, mission partner organizations and the Davis-Monthan communities

LINEAGE

355 Services Squadron constituted and activated, 24 Nov 1965

Organized, 8 Dec 1965

Inactivated, 10 Dec 1970

Activated, 30 Sep 1976

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1981

Redesignated 355 Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron and activated, 1 May 1992

Redesignated 355 Services Squadron, 1 Jan 1994

Redesignated 355 Force Support Squadron, 28 Aug 2008

STATIONS

Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965-10 Dec 1970

Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 30 Sep 1976-1 Oct 1981

Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 May 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

355 Combat Support Group, 8 Dec 1965-10 Dec 1970

355 Combat Support Group, 30 Sep 1976-1 Oct 1981

355 Support (later, 355 Mission Support) Group, 1 May 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Ralph E. Taylor

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969

Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations

1 Jan-10 Oct 1966

11-12 Aug and 24-28 Oct 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

12 Apr 1967-11 Apr 1968

1 Jul 1969-24 Nov 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1976-31 May 1978

1 Jun 1980-31 May 1981

[1 May 1992]-1 Aug 1993

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-10 Dec 1970

EMBLEM



355 Services Squadron emblem approved, 10 June 1997

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

During the 2009 4th of July picnic, the FSS hosted carnival style games, food and drink, and culminated in the spectacular fireworks demonstration that lit up the Tucson sky. Additionally, many family oriented events including youth sports, reading competitions, and outdoor recreation trips are planned and executed with precision to provide customers an enjoyable place to live and work.

In November 2009, the FSS highlighted what D-M's deployed Airmen go through with the second annual Operation Junior Heroes. The event hosted 250 children, spouses, and local educators from the community to allow participants the opportunity to see, feel, and hear the experiences of deployment life. Experts were on-hand to give families the chance to talk about the impact of deployments on their families. The FSS looks forward to delivering another stunning event this year.

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Sources

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