

## 552<sup>nd</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The mission of the 552<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron is to provide quality staff support to the Operations Group commander, effectively serving the customers both outside and within the 552 ACW. Specific responsibilities include planning, executing, and supporting contingency operations worldwide, efficiently managing aircraft utilization through long and short range scheduling processes, and providing liaison with the Army, Navy, Federal Aviation Administration, and Air Intelligence Command. Other squadron functions provide effective management of training and tactics programs to include life support, ground and flying continuation training, and tactical employment. Additional responsibilities include providing intelligence support directly to the wing commander and flying squadrons, managing the information tracking system for deployed squadrons and providing the operations group commander with sound aircraft maintenance advice, oversight of wing aircraft maintenance programs, and if required, resolution of flightline maintenance issues.

### **LINEAGE**

552<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron constituted, 1 May 1992  
Activated, 29 May 1992

### **STATIONS**

Tinker AFB, OK, 29 May 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

552<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group, 29 May 1992

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Ronald C. Wiegand.  
LTC Philip A. Smith, 23 Jan 2002

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[29 May] 1992-31 Mar 1994

1 Jun 1994-31 May 1996

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 21 Dec 1993

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

The first class of signals intelligence analysts recently graduated from USAF's new E-3 Intelligence Initial Qualification Course at Tinker AFB, Okla., according to a base release. "This is the first time we're going to have an E-3-specific qualification training course," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Jennings, commander of the 552nd Air Control Wing's Operations Support Squadron. "The advantage now is that you have all your intel operators with the same training across the board." Previously, initial intelligence qualification courses in the E-3 AWACs field were taught at Tinker; Kadena AB, Japan; and JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The course is now centralized at Tinker and is mandatory for intelligence units that offer direct support to the E-3 weapon system. "So now if we have someone that's assigned from here to either one of those other bases, they don't have to be retrained," added Jennings. Five airmen from the 552nd OSS were the first to pass through the new 132-hour (or 78 hours for non-signals training specialists) course, graduating Oct. 21, states the release. Material includes intelligence sourcing and methods; threats and counter-tactics; aerodynamic, electromagnetic, and electronic warfare principles; intelligence support to unit mission planning; debriefing and reporting; and the E-3 operational roles, missions, and equipment. 2014

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