

## 11 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

11 Air Support Operations Squadron, comprising 35 personnel, is aligned to the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and provides Tactical Air Control Party support to the Regiment.

The 11 Air Support Operations Squadron will train, man, and equip Airmen, and be prepared to present mission ready forces to an air component commander, or task force commander, in support of world-wide contingency operations. These forces will be capable of sustaining full-spectrum operations as an autonomous expeditionary air support operations squadron and/or modular Tactical Air Control Teams responsible for integrating, planning, and directing execution of joint and coalition air-and space-power in support of the designated ground commander's scheme of maneuver. The squadron will maintain core Air Force squadron functionality in garrison or deployed to address personnel, logistics, and vehicle/radio maintenance related issues of assigned and attached forces.

The 11 Air Support Operations Squadron has a habitual relationship with the 3 Armored Cavalry Regiment. It will advise the 3 Armored Cavalry Regiment commanding general and senior staff on air-and space-power doctrine, as well as the full-spectrum of capabilities resident in the air component, while simultaneously integrating, planning, and directing execution of joint/coalition air-and space-power in support of the joint/coalition campaign plan.

### LINEAGE

11 Communications Squadron, Air Support constituted, 9 Sep 1942  
Activated, 18 Sep 1942  
Redesignated 11 Air Support Communication Squadron, 11 Jan 1943  
Redesignated 11 Air Support Control Squadron, 20 Aug 1943  
Redesignated 11 Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944  
Inactivated, 12 Oct 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 11 Air Support Operations Squadron, 24 Jun 1994

Activated, 1 Jul 1994

## **STATIONS**

Birmingham AAB, AL, 18 Sep 1942

Key Fld, MS, 26 Feb 1943

Lebanon, TN, 30 May 1943

Birmingham AAB, AL, 22 Sep-16 Nov 1943

Aldermaston, England, 10 Dec 1943

Aldermaston Court, England, 14 Jan 1944

Sunninghill Park, England, 12 Feb 1944

Aldermaston Court, England, 1 Mar 1944

Cricqueville, France, 9 Jul 1944

Nehou, France, 12 Jul 1944

Le Bingard, France, 31 Jul 1944

Mesnil Rogues, France, 4 Aug 1944

Poilly, France, 8 Aug 1944

Andouille, France, 16 Aug 1944

Autainville, France, 31 Aug 1944

Chalons, France, 13 Sep 1944

Etain, France, 24 Sep 1944

Nancy, France, 14 Oct 1944

Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 16 Jan 1945

Idar-Oberstein, Germany, 28 Mar 1945

Hersfeld, Germany, 9 Apr 1945

Erlangen, Germany, 26 Apr-Sep 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 12 Oct 1945

Ft Hood, TX, 1 Jul 1994

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance; III Tactical Air) Command; 18 Sep 1942

IX Fighter Command, 11 Dec 1943

Ninth Air Force, 1 Feb 1944

IX Air Support Command, 26 Feb 1944

XIX Air Support (later, XIX Tactical Air) Command, 4 Mar 1944

XII Tactical Air Command, 4 Jul-Oct 1945

3 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Richard Sutton

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

**Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

**Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award  
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jul 1994-31 May 1996  
1 Jun 1996-31 May 1997  
1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000  
1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002

**EMBLEM**



Approved, 26 Mar 1998

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

Combat in European Theater of Operations, 6 Jun 1944-May 1945. Air support parties primarily served US Third Army units, directing air support missions for the ground forces they served. Provided three teams that participated in airborne and amphibious landings in the initial 6 Jun

1944 D-Day invasion.

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