

33 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 33 Operations Support Squadron “Jokers” provides wing-level operational intelligence, weapons, tactics, aircrew flight equipment, training and scheduling support for the flying squadrons.

33d Operations Support Squadron, is assigned to the 33 Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base. The Jokers provide support efforts to ensure that the 33's two flying squadrons have adequate airspace, aircraft, and supplies to accommodate long and short range plans. Specifically, the 33d Operations Support Squadron provides staff support to the operations group commander, monitors all training requirements and accomplishments, provides intelligence support to wing and squadron personnel. It also acts as the focal point for weapons and tactics issues in the wing.

LINEAGE

33 Aerodrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Redesignated 33 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

33 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet, constituted, 14 Jun 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Redesignated 33 Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952

Redesignated 33 Operations Squadron, 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1957

33 Airdrome Squadron (Special) reconstituted and consolidated with the 33 Operations Squadron and redesignated 33 Operations Support Squadron and activated, 1 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Great Bend AAB, KS, 1 Feb 1943
Blythe AAB, CA, 26 Mar 1943-1 Apr 1944
Walker AFB, NM, 1 Aug 1948
Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948-6 Feb 1952
Otis AFB, MA, 18 Aug 1955-18 Aug 1957
Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944
33 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952
33 Fighter Group (Air Defense), 18 Aug 1955
33 Air Base Group, 18 Oct 1956-18 Aug 1957
33 Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991

COMMANDERS

Maj Franklin Young, #1956
Maj Phil Cochran
Lt Col Felix Dupre, 2 Dec 1991
Lt Col Kelsey H. Mccall, 1 Apr 1992
Lt Col Norman K. Risner, 12 Nov 1993
Lt Col Stanley Hill, 14 Sep 1995
Lt Col John D. Jannazo, 9 Sep 1996
Lt Col William B. Rember, 9 Sep 1997
Lt Col Robert E. Chapman li, 3 Apr 1998
Lt Col Phillip G. Gibbons, 9 Jun 2000
Lt Col Steven G. Seroka, 22 Jun 2001
Lt Col Thomas G. Markwardt, 10 Jan 2003
Lt Col Ronald L. Banks, 9 Jul 2004
Lt Col Thomas C. Coglitore, 12 May 2006
Lt Col Dennis Scarborough, 2 May 2008
Col James G. Riemens-Van Laare, 1 Jul 2009 (Interim)
Lt Col James M. Abatti, 23 Oct 2009
Lt Col William D. Betts, 6 May 2011
Lt Col Eric Smith, 3 May 2013
Lt Col Bradley Turner, 17 Apr 2015
Lt Col Scott Gunn, 24 Jun 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

2 Dec 1991-31 Mar 1992

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

1 Jun 1998-31 May 1999

EMBLEM



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The 33 Operations Support Squadron emblem: The joker playing card and card suit symbols reflect the function of a joker or wild card which enhances a card hand to the highest level. The squadron identifies with this concept of their mission which is to support the fighter squadrons in the wing as represented by the three aircraft. (Approved, 22 Apr 1992)

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