

## 45<sup>th</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The squadron provides policy decisions, training, and airfield operations for the 45th Operations Group, while managing all airfield and air traffic control services for the 45th Space Wing. In fulfilling its mission, the 45th Operations Support Squadron provides a variety of functions directly related to 45th Space Wing's launch operations.

The Launch Operations Support Flight provides behind-the-scenes support for all launches. Acting as protocol, the launch operations support flight helps coordinate tours and launch viewing for distinguished visitors and coordinating launch critical briefings and conferences.

The Airfield Operations Flight manages the Patrick AFB airfield and provides air traffic control services in support of the space range and the National Airspace System. The Patrick AFB air traffic control tower is one of the newest in the Air Force. Base operations provide transient and base assigned aircraft ground services and support numerous multi-service deployments and humanitarian missions.

The current operations flight coordinates and implements wing-level policies and procedures, which provide the structure for launch operations. As such, the squadron is the Wing's interface to Air Force Space Command, 14th Air Force and other major air commands for long-term planning and resolving operational issues.

The Spacelift Operations Training Flight provides wing training policy and guidance for more than 100 space launch operators. They coordinate launch operations and instructor training for all 45th Operations Group mission ready personnel, as well as directly assist the operations squadrons in improving their unit training programs. The Operations Training

Flight serves as the Operations Group interface with higher headquarters on all new training requirements and procedures.

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#### **LINEAGE**

45<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron

#### **STATIONS**

Patrick AFB FL

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

45<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

#### **COMMANDERS**

LTC John W. Giles

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**



**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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