

49 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 49 Operations Support Squadron with more than 220 military and civilian personnel is responsible for operating the command's most complex airfield and managing/operating nearly 50,000 square miles of military airspace. Additionally, the 49th OSS provides operational and administrative support to all the 49th Operations Group squadrons.

LINEAGE

49 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Redesignated 49 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 49 Operations Support Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Activated, 15 Nov 1991

STATIONS

Herington AAB, KS, 1 Feb 1943

Gowen Field, ID, 25 Mar 1943

Herington AAB, KS, 2 May 1943-1 Apr 1944

Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Nov 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944

49 Operations Group, 15 Nov 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

30 Apr 2008-1 May 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 1999

2 May 2004-31 May 2005

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, in base a stylized hawk Sable, detailed and outlined Argent, eyed Gules, talons Or radiating six lightning bolts, three to dexter, three to sinister of the fourth, surmounting a lightning flash bend sinisterwise, in chief five mullets of the last scattered, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "49TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow letters. SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The hawk is a bird of prey with almost supernatural sight and striking power and alludes to the unit's stealth lineage. The hawk is emitting six lightning bolts representing the unit's support of the global strike mission. The stars are symbolic of the Southern Cross and recall the 49th Fighter Group's service in Australia during World War II. The lightning signifies the powerful, instantaneous striking ability that the unit supports. (Approved, 20 Feb 2008)

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