

6 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

6 Operations Support Squadron mission is to Provide airfield operations management, air traffic control, weather services, intelligence support, combat tactics development and training, mission development, and manage aircrew training support operations. Manage flight records and KC-135R simulator training.

MacDill Air Force Base Control Tower works closely with Tampa International Airport radar control facilities to provide safe, orderly, expeditious handling of air traffic. Air Force personnel control all arrivals and departures to the MacDill's runway. Controllers provide air traffic services not only military pilots, but to commercial and general aviation pilots as well.

Airfield Management personnel provides critical support for all base flying agencies. Support consists of, but not limited to, airfield management maintenance, flight planning, customs and agricultural inspections, and the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) program.

Combat Crew personnel provide accurate and thorough flight crew publications, communications security documents and equipment for the 6 Air Mobility Wing in support of daily missions and worldwide contingency taskings.

LINEAGE

6 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 7 Nov 1942

Activated, 21 Nov 1942

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1948
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

6 Operations Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1952
Activated, 8 Aug 1958
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

6 Airdrome Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 6 Operations Squadron, 22 Dec 1993 and Redesignated 6 Operations Support Squadron.

Activated, 4 Jan 1994

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 21 Nov 1942
Ephrata AAB, WA, 2 Feb 1943
Camp Douglas, WI, 30 Apr-17 May 1943
Aldermaston, England, 8 Jun 1943
Chipping Ongar, England, 2 Jul 1943
Aldermaston, England, 1 Nov 1943
Rivenhall, 6 Jan 1944
Raydon, England, 8 Mar 1944
Andover, England, 10 Apr 1944
Carentan, France, 18 Jun 1944
Picauville, France, 24 Jun 1944
Cardonville, France, 18 Jul 1944
Carentan, France, 28 Jul 1944
Boissel, France, 22 Aug 1944
Deux Jumeaux, France, 28 Aug 1944
Peronne, France, 9 Sep 1944
St. Trond, Belgium, 19 Sep 1944
Florennes, Belgium, 4 Nov 1944
Ophoven, Belgium, 6 Dec 1944
Chievres, Belgium, 26 Jan 1945
Weiden, Germany, 1 Mar 1945
Strassfeld, Germany, 27 Mar 1945
Kassel, Germany, 15 Apr 1945
Langensalza, Germany, 23 Apr 1945
Fritslar, Germany, 16 May 1945
Nellingen, Germany, 1 Nov 1945-unkn
Walker AFB, NM, 16 Jun-8 Aug 1952
Walker AFB, NM, 8 Aug 1958-1 Jan 1962

MacDill AFB, FL, 4 Jan 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Operations Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Normandy, 1944

Northern France, 1944

Rhineland, 1944-1945

Central Europe, 1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1994-31 May 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 09 – 30 Jun 10

1 Jul 2013 – 30 Jun 2014

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

EMBLEM

Azure, two palm fronds in base salterwise Vert surmounted by a lightning flash bendwise naissant Gules of a cloud issuant from dexter chief Argent, overall a mullet Or charged with a globe of the first gridlined Yellow bearing a flight symbol ascending bendwise White detailed Sable, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. Attached below the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border inscribed "6 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON." Blue and White 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 palm fronds indicate the unit's locale in Florida. The cloud and lightning represent the unstable environment in which the unit operates and the expeditious manner in which the unit's personnel carry out the mission. The star denotes the five functions of the unit (airfield management, weather, air traffic control, transient alert, and airspace management). The

globe and flight symbol reflect the squadron's support of the Air Force's global reach mission.
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