

## 93<sup>rd</sup> AIR GROUND OPERATIONS WING



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, established, 28 Jul 1947  
Organized, 15 Aug 1947  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Wing, Medium, 12 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Feb 1955  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Wing, 1 Sep 1991  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing, 1 Jun 1992  
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1995  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Wing, 15 Jan 1996  
Activated, 29 Jan 1996  
Redesignated 93<sup>rd</sup> Air Ground Operations Wing, 11 Dec 2007  
Activated on 25 Jan 2008

#### STATIONS

Castle Field (later, AFB), CA, 15 Aug 1947-30 Sep 1995  
Robins AFB, GA, 29 Jan 1996  
Moody AFB, GA, 25 Jan 2008

#### DEPLOYED STATIONS

Mildenhall, England, 16 Dec 1951-8 Mar 1952

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947  
47<sup>th</sup> Air (later, 47<sup>th</sup> Strategic Aerospace; 47<sup>th</sup> Air) Division, 1 Jul 1959  
Second Air Force, 30 Jun 1971  
Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Feb 1973  
14<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Oct 1976

12<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Oct 1985  
Fifteenth Air Force, 15 Jul 1988  
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jun 1992-30 Sep 1995  
Ninth Air Force, 29 Jan 1996  
Ninth Air Force, 25 Jan 2008

### **ATTACHMENTS**

7<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 6 Dec 1951-6 Mar 1952

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-29, 1947-1949  
B-50, 1949-1950, 1950-1954  
KB-29, 1950-1953  
KC-97, 1953-1955, 1955, 1956, 1956-1957  
B-47, 1954-1956  
B-52B, 1955-1956  
B-52D, 1956-1958; 1965-1974  
B-52E, 1957-1958; 1967-1978  
B-52F, 1958-1974  
B-52G, 1966-1967; 1974  
B-52H, 1974  
KC-135, 1957-1995  
E-8, 1996

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Lee B. Coats, 15 Aug 1947  
LTC William G. Gillespie, 5 May 1948  
LTC Jack D. Whidden, 14 Jun 1948  
LTC William G. Gillespie, 18 Jun 1948  
Col Robert H. Terrill, 29 Jun 1948  
LTC William G. Gillespie, 31 Jul 1948  
Col Glendon P. Overing, 14 Aug 1946  
Col Robert H. Terrill, 27 Aug 1948  
Col David Wade, 13 Jul 1950  
Col Charles W. Bicking, 15 Jul 1950  
Col David Wade, 4 Oct 1950  
BG Robert H. Terrill, 1 Feb 1951  
Col John E. Dougherty, 10 Apr 1951  
Col Richard H. Carmichael, 16 Apr 1951  
Col John E. Dougherty, 23 Apr 1951  
Col Richard H. Carmichael, 3 May 1951  
Col John E. Dougherty, 19 Oct 1951  
Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 10 Jun 1952  
Col John E. Dougherty, c. Aug 1952

Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 25 Nov 1952  
Col John E. Dougherty, 31 Dec 1952  
Col Frank L. O'Brien, Jr., 3 Feb 1953  
BG William E. Eubank, Jr., 2 Jul 1953  
Col Paul K. Carlton, 1 Jul 1958  
Maj Gen William E. Eubank, Jr., 22 Jul 1958  
Col George B. Thabault, Jul 1959  
Col Lawrence S. Lightner, 11 Aug 1959  
Col James V. Reardon, 21 Jul 1961  
Col Roy C. Crompton, 17 Jan 1966  
Col Charles Abbuhl, Jr., 9 Sep 1966  
Col Woodrow A. Abbott, 26 Jan 1968  
BG Bryan M. Shotts, 23 Jun 1969  
Col Colin C. Hamilton, Jr., 16 Mar 1970  
BG Charles I. Bennett, Jr., 23 Apr 1971 (additional duty), 30 Jun 1971 (permanent)  
Col James H. McGrath, 21 Jan 1972  
BG John R. Kelly, Jr., 6 Mar 1972  
Col Malcolm L. Landess, 13 Jan 1973  
BG Richard N. Cody, 12 Mar 1973  
Col Irving B. Reed, 1 Jul 1974  
Col Jimmy R. Williams, 1 Apr 1975  
Col Burr V. Miller, Jr., 14 May 1977  
Col John A. Brashear, 24 Aug 1978  
Col James P. McCarthy, 13 Mar 1979  
Col Leo W. Smith II, 28 Apr 1980  
Col William J. Grove, Jr., 26 Oct 1981  
Col Loring R. Astorino, 20 Jun 1983  
Col Robert E. Dempsey, 19 Apr 1984  
Col Robert M. Marquette, 6 Jun 1986  
Col Joseph C. Wilson, Jr., 22 Jan 1987  
Col Richard D. Martin, 11 Oct 1988  
Col Eugene J. Famulare, 17 Jul 1990  
Col Silas R. Johnson, Jr., 22 Jun 1992  
Col Raymond C. Bishop, 7 Jun 1994-30 Sep 1995  
Col Benjamin Robinson, 29 Jan 1996  
Col Joseph P. Stein, 22 Oct 1997  
Col Marc H. Lindsley, 24 May 1999  
Col David S. Fadok, Jul 2001-1 Oct 2002

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Southwest Asia  
Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

**Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1956-1 Jul 1959

1 Jun 1962-1 Apr 1963

1 Apr 1973-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

2 Aug 1990-11 Apr 1991

30 May 1992-29 May 1994

29 Jan 1996-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

**Bestowed Honors**

Authorized to display honors earned by the 93d Operations Group prior to 15 Aug 1947

**Service Streamers**

None

**Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Egypt-Libya

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

**Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

North Africa, 17 Dec 1942-20 Feb 1943

Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943

## EMBLEM



Azure a bend parti per bend Sable and Argent debruised by a lightning flash bendwise sinister Or between in sinister chief a globe White gridlined Black charged with a wreath of olive Vert and in dexter base a globe White gridlined Black bearing a cross barby. The arms Yellow, Blue, Green and Red, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. (Approved, 4 Sep 1953)

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

Maintained combat readiness for global strategic bombardment, Aug 1947-Feb 1956. The wing's 93d Bombardment Group deployed to Okinawa in 1948, becoming the first SAC bomb group to deploy in full strength to the Far East. The wing began aerial refueling operations in Oct 1950. It deployed its tactical force, augmented by support personnel, to England, Jul 1950-Jan 1951. The entire wing deployed to England, Dec 1951-Mar 1952. Provided aerial refueling and navigational assistance for the Jul 1952 movement of the 31st Fighter-Escort Wing from the United States to Japan, the first jet fighter crossing of the Pacific Ocean, during the Korean War. First SAC wing to convert to B-52, 1955-1956. Became SAC's primary B-52 aircrew training organization, incorporating KC-135 aircrew training for refueling in mid-1956. Notable operations: non-stop B-52 flights of some 16,000 miles around North America and to the North Pole (Nov 1956); first jet aircraft nonstop flight around the world (Jan 1957); nonstop, unrefueled KC-135 flight from Yokota AB, Japan, to Washington, DC (Apr 1958). Although most of the wing's components were used for B-52 and KC-135 aircrew training between 1956 and 1995, one or more of its units sometimes participated in tactical operations, including aerial refueling. From Apr 1968 to Apr 1974, operated a special B-52 replacement training unit to support SAC's B-52 operation in Southeast Asia. Won the SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1949, 1952, and 1970, and the Omaha Trophy as the outstanding SAC wing in 1970. In Aug 1990 the wing operated an aerial port of embarkation for

personnel and equipment deploying to Southwest Asia during Desert Shield. In addition to aerial refueling, tankers ferried personnel and equipment, while B-52s deployed to strategic locations worldwide, including Saudi Arabia. Bombed the Iraqi Republican Guard and targeted Iraqi chemical weapons, nuclear, and industrial plants during Desert Storm, Jan-Feb 1991. Relieved of its air refueling and KC-135 aircrew training missions in 1992. Inactivated in 1995. Activated in 1996 as an air control wing, flying E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS). Some crews and aircraft deployed from Georgia to Bosnia in 1996 to support the Joint Endeavor peacekeeping operation.

In 2008, the 93d Air Ground Operations Wing activated and became the first wing to provide highly-trained ground combat forces capable of integrating air and space power into the ground scheme of fire and maneuver. The wing members conduct offensive and defensive ground combat operations worldwide to protect expeditionary aerospace forces with an airborne capability. At a moment's notice, they provide worldwide deployable, "first-in," fully integrated, multi-disciplined capabilities and provide the joint force commander airborne, air-mobile, air-land, and over-land insertion capability, and remain the joint expert on integration of air power and combat weather support to ground forces.

The 93rd AGOW's history began in 1947 as, helping to maintain combat readiness for global strategic bombardment. It has many notable events within its history, including the first jet aircraft nonstop flight around the world in 1957, support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the 1990s, aerial refueling capabilities and use of Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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