

94 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

Provide timely, accurate, and dynamic operational support while maintaining excellent readiness.

94 Operations Support Squadron Provides operational support and training in the areas of intelligence, tactics, current operations, base operations, and training flight operations. Coordinates aircrew training and provides low level training route and drop zone development. Coordinates and schedules training missions and higher headquarters tasked missions. Provides staff support for the Operations Group.

LINEAGE

94 Operations Support Squadron constituted and activated , 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 94 Operations Support Flight

Redesignated 94 Operations Support Squadron, 1 Sep 2003

STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

94 Operations Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col James Giles

Lt Col Richard Pitts

Lt Col L. Barton, 10 Jul 1993

Lt Col J. D. Hite, 6 May 1995

Lt Col James R. Raymond, 1 Mar 1997
Lt Col Randall C. Hill, 10 Jul 1999
Lt Col Daniel Kornacki, 15 Dec 1999
Lt Col Stanley A. Gibson, 8 Jul 2000-Aug 2003
Lt Col Joseph J. Thomas, 1 Nov 2003
Lt Col Darrin N. Simmonds, 15 Nov 2005
Lt Col Mark Cumbee, Aug 2009 – Apr 2012
Lt Col Richard Briggs, Sept 2012
Lt Col Brian E. Ferguson, Jan 2015
Lt Col Lewell Skinner, Dec 2018
Lt Col Rafael O. Rondon, July 2019



Lt Col Mark Cumbee (USAF photo)

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Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATION

2000 To better support Air Education and Training Command training needs for the C-130 school-house," a new section has been created in the Flight was established to directly support the 94th Airlift Wing's new training mission. The new mission does not change the operations of the remaining OSF sections. The Base Operations section will continue to provide weather and Bight data for student pilots. This is in addition to their daily operations and assistance to Dobbins air traffic. The Intelligence section will continue to provide the school with operational security scenarios as well as maintain the real-world security briefings for Dobbins ARB. Both sections provide data to the Current Operations and Tactics sections that also support the training mission.

According to Master Sgt. Mike McDonald, 94th ADF aerial delivery supervisor, the new unit stems from school requirements that would not be met if the 80th Aerial Port Squadron was mobilized or moved. "The 80th APS is a mobility unit," said McDonald. "If they were called up, their people with aerial delivery system skills would be gone. Our new group addresses that concern with permanently assigned personnel." As the new team is staffing up. McDonald points out that they are still relying heavily on their counterparts in the 80th APS to meet mission requirements. When the new Bight is fully staffed it will have 11 full-time air reserve technicians - two loadmasters and nine riggers.

One of the first members of the ADF was Staff Sgt. Scott Pelley, air transportation specialist, who packs and rigs parachutes and builds pallets to drop various size loads used in the training programs. The job doesn't end there Pelley used for unilateral airdrop training.

"I enjoy this job," said Pelley. "It's something different every day, but I especially like the interaction between us and the Bight crews. We want to help them do their jobs better and improve their training opportunities so we talk with them often." The ADF team travels to Ft. Gordon, Ga., near Augusta, several times a week to pick up air-dropped cargo that

might include heavy loads or 55-gallon water barrels used in high velocity drops. Then the cycle begins again as they rebuild loads for the next drop. "Our new Bight will bring a higher level of support for the school's training needs," added McDonald. "This mission was an additional duty for people in the 80th who possessed aerial delivery skills. Not that they didn't do it right,

but our group works only as an aerial delivery team, meaning that's our only job and we're dedicated to it. Everything we do is to enhance the 94th Airlift Wing schoolhouse training mission." Along with supporting the training mission, McDonald says the ADF also helps the 700th Airlift Squadron meet currency training for its aircrews. Currently, the new Bight has filled five of its 11 positions.

Dobbins Wing Increases Training Opportunities A new flight training device at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., is expected to significantly increase training opportunities and reduce training shortfalls for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard C-130-H2 pilots. The Eastern Regional Flight Simulator facility at Dobbins serves as the Guard and Reserve's only C-130-H2 schoolhouse. Until arrival of the new flight training device, students were completing all of their simulator training on the facility's more advanced weapons system trainer.

The situation created serious scheduling problems, which resulted in some refresher training being waived. With the addition of the new training device, "we now have the potential to train twice as many students," said Lt. Col. Kevin Gootee, chief of training for the 94th Operations Support Squadron at Dobbins. "Now that we're moving half of the weapons system training over to the flight training device, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard crews will be able to conduct more of the annual refresher training, reducing the amount of training shortfalls we've had in the past," said Lt. Col. Michael Matthews, 94th OSS operations officer. Getting the flight training device online was the culmination of years of hard work by a team of Air Force members and contractors at Dobbins and Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

With no windows and no capability for movement, the device is a perfect environment for conducting flight instrument training. Two large computer towers send flight data into the pilots, where it is displayed on numerous gauges. The computers also record the pilots' reactions to the data for later review. Ideally, students are introduced to concepts during a panel-and-instrument session in the flight training device before moving over to the full-motion, full-visibility weapons system trainer to reinforce those concepts. Having two functional training devices at Dobbins is important because the Air Force is moving away from conducting training missions in actual aircraft to simulator training, Colonel Gootee said. "It's virtual, but it moves so perfectly with what you are doing that you get caught up in it," he said. "It's safer and more cost effective to train in a simulator. We can simulate fires, loss of engines and other emergencies without putting the crew in danger." 2007

05 Feb 2013 Several Airmen from the 94th Operations Support Squadron (OSS), volunteered to help clean up tornado damage in Adairsville, GA, a small town located north of Dobbins ARB.

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