

97 MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 97 Mission Support Squadron, with a population of 147 military and civilian personnel, the squadron reports to the commander, 97th Mission Support Group, and supports the 97th Air Mobility Wing in a variety of areas including military personnel flight, civilian personnel, family support center, Airman Leadership School, education services, manpower and organization flight, career assistance advisor and first term Airman center.

The military personnel flight provides military personnel services and programs for active duty members and their families, Guard and Reserve members, and military retirees. In addition, the military personnel flight provides readiness support in response to mobility exercises and worldwide contingencies.

The civilian personnel flight provides civilian personnel services and programs for all appropriated fund employees. Services provided include personnel recruitment, classification, training, employee/labor management, and career development.

The family support center assists commanders in their responsibility for the health and welfare of the military community, supports mission readiness by helping individuals and families adapt to the changes and demands of military life, identifies issues and trends and provides a range of prevention and enrichment services such as; Hearts Apart Morale Calls, Give Parents A Break, Family Readiness, Employment Assistance, Crisis Assistance, Air Force Aid Society, Relocation Assistance, Personal Financial Management Program, Transition Assistance, and Information & Referral. These programs are designed to strengthen the adaptability of individuals and families. The Airman Leadership School prepares senior Airmen to be professional, war-fighting Airmen who can supervise and lead Air Force work teams in the employment of Air and Space Power;

trains over 186 senior Airmen annually from Altus, Goodfellow and Vance, to include Reserve/Guard components. The school is a 191-hour, 24 academic day course. Currently, seven classes are conducted per year, each with 24-32 students.

The education services flight provides off-duty education opportunities in a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. In addition, counseling is available on various commissioning programs, Community College of the Air Force, financial aid programs, and testing. The manpower and organization flight assists commanders in meeting resource challenges through unparalleled management services in this ever-changing world. They are responsible for the management of 276 officer, 1,296 enlisted and 1,307 civilian manpower authorizations.

The career assistance advisor serves as the commander's agent for retention program information, activities initiatives and incentives developed at Air Staff, major command and local levels. Advises and assists local commanders and supervisors in career counseling; also has oversight over the wing level professional development program.

The first term Airmen center is a 10-day course with classes ranging from 10-14 students which provides a structured program developed to assist first term Airmen in their transition from a training to a mission-oriented environment. By providing briefings covering various topics and initial ancillary training, the center has the unique opportunity to create an environment for Airmen to develop a warrior spirit and an expeditionary mindset.

Several wing staff agencies are assigned to the squadron, including public affairs, staff judge advocate, chaplain, command post, wing inspector general, wing plans, historian, wing command section and military equal opportunity.

LINEAGE

97 Mission Support Squadron activated, 8 Aug 1989

STATIONS

Altus AFB, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

97 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATION

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