

AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIR WARFARE CENTER



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Azure, a tactical targe Proper two sky swords in saltire Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AF SPECIAL OPS AIR WARFARE CENTER" in Blue 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 target symbolizes protection of freedom, embossed with four air flight symbols going in all four directions, and shows the unit's commitment to Special Air Warfare and its mission. The sky swords represent aerospace power and the highly honed skills of Air Force personnel.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Air Force officials stood up the Air Force Special Operations Air Warfare Center in a ceremony at Duke Field, Fla. The center consolidates Air Force Special Operations Command's training and doctrine development under one flag, with Active Duty and Air Force Reserve Command airmen working side-by-side, according to the command's Feb. 12 release. "The center is here to train and educate air commandos," said Col. Jonathan Duncan, AFSOAWC deputy commander, who will serve alongside Brig. Gen. Jon Weeks, who took command of the center during the Feb. 11 ceremony. Duncan noted, however, that the center will not be a "training-only organization," but rather "a training and operations organization," with the units assigned to it playing operational roles as well. AFSOAWC is headquartered at Hurlburt Field, Fla., with satellite locations at Duke and Robins AFB, Ga. It is modeled after the Special Air Warfare Center, which the Air Force activated in 1962 and stood down after the Vietnam War, according to the release. With the new center in place, AFSOC on Feb. 11 inactivated the Air Force Special Operations Training Center. 2013

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