

125th SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Portland, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Daniel Schilling

Cpt Jake Miller, 11 Nov 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Or, a globe Azure gridlined of the first, overall throughout an eye Sable, pupil Gules, and surmounted within the pupil a stylized dagger, point to base, with the blade representing a lightning bolt of the first, grip of the third garnished Yellow, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "125TH STS" in Black letters.

EMBLEM 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 globe represents world-wide deployment. The "all seeing eye" symbolizes the Squadron's motto, "First There," while the dagger alludes to the unit's lineage to AFSOC "Air Command."

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The 125th Special Tactics Squadron is a Special Operations unit that has had personnel deployed continuously since 2005 in support of OEF and OIF. They were first on the scene in New Orleans following Hurricanes Katrina/Rita and later Gustav in Galveston, effecting search, rescue and recovery operations throughout the regions. In December 2007, the 125th aided 3000 victims from the surging waters of the Nehalem River in Vernonia, Oregon.

2005 3 Sep One MC-130P aircraft from the 129th Rescue Wing transported unit pararescuemen personnel and swift water rescue equipment to NAS New Orleans. An additional C-130J from the 146th Airlift Wing based at NAS Point Mugu, California transported additional 129th Rescue Wing pararescuemen personnel and equipment. By this time, Air Guard rescue assets deployed to New Orleans included twelve zodiac boats and Air Guard Combat Controllers who operated three helicopter Landing Zones. Air Guard rescue personnel were expected to remain deployed for approximately fourteen days. Air Guard pararescuemen and combat controllers deployed to the hurricane stricken area came from the 123d Special Tactics Squadron, Kentucky ANG; 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon ANG; 129th Rescue Wing, California ANG, and the 212th Rescue Squadron, Alaska ANG. The 106th Rescue Wing, New York ANG, deployed to Jackson, Mississippi and Hurlburt Field, Florida.

5 Sep Forty-eight Oregon ANG personnel assigned to the 272nd Combat Communications Squadron, 116th Air Control Squadron, 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron, and the 125th Special Tactics Squadron deployed in SAD to NAS New Orleans to help provide a variety of communications capability for the city.

5 Sep Thirty-five ANG Special Operations personnel had deployed to the joint operations area to perform search and rescue operations. Eighteen pararescuemen, twelve combat controllers, and five mission support personnel assigned to the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, Kentucky ANG; 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon ANG; 212th Rescue Squadron, Alaska ANG; 129th Rescue Wing, California ANG, and the 106th Rescue Wing, New York ANG.

8 Sep Four combat controllers assigned to the 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon ANG, returned to their home station at Portland Airport.

25 Sep Four Air Guard Combat Controllers assigned to the 123d Special Tactics Squadron, Kentucky ANG, directed 225 helicopter landing sorties in support of Hurricane Rita rescue and relief operations at Chennault International Airport, Lake Charles, Louisiana. At 2200 hours, Central Standard Time, they passed the duties to an Army Air- Traffic-Control team.

The ANG deployed fifty-two pararescue personnel to support Hurricane Rita relief operations in

Louisiana, Texas, Florida, and Mississippi. Pararescue personnel came from the 123^d Special Tactics Squadron, Kentucky ANG; 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon ANG; 106th Rescue Wing, New York ANG, and the 210th Rescue Squadron, Alaska ANG.

The 123^d Air Control Squadron, Ohio ANG, deployed eighteen communications personnel to Alexandria, Louisiana to support Hurricane Rita recovery operations.

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