

162nd OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT

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Activated 1996

STATIONS

Tucson, AZ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Lebure

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

Operational Support Flight was established in 1996 as part of the new Objective Wing structure for the 162nd Fighter Wing. The OSF is a part of the Operations Group. The OSF is located throughout the operations areas, including the International Military Training facility, the Advanced Weapons facility, the Operations building and the Bell building facility.

LTC LeFebvre is the first commander of the Operational Support Flight. The flight is comprised of several functional areas. The largest of the support flights is the Life Support Flight. This section provides service to all of the pilots, both instructors and students. The flight maintains, repairs and installs all of the various materials and equipment to allow the pilots to work in the high performance F-16 aircraft. Helmets, harnesses, G-suits and ejection seat survival equipment are just a portion of the equipment they keep in perfect working order. The twelve personnel assigned to this flight are supervised by SMSgt Dee Smith.

The Intelligence Flight is an organization of eight highly trained specialists that provide training and support to the flying operation for both students and the instructors for tactical missions. This flight is lead by the full-time efforts of Maj Joe Berlanga, who regularly briefs all pilots on classified aspects of the world threat.

The Weapons and Tactics Flight provides technical support to the flying operations regarding weapons employment and classroom academics to the various students and instructors. LTC Andy Contreras guides this flight in its program, along with the 17 crew and administrative support personnel.

The Current Operations Flight provides the widest range of support to the flying operation. Crews in this flight provide pilots for the Operational Support Aircraft, the C-26. The Superintendent of Operations, CMSgt Mark Leach is the supervisor for the enlisted members of this flight and the overall administrative liaison for the Operations Group Commander. The F-16 Flight Simulator is an important training function in this flight. Thirteen members make up this flight, comprised of both officers and enlisted personnel.

The Operations Plans Flight provides current plans support to the Operations Group Commander, and is comprised of one officer and one enlisted position.

Operational Support Flight, Flight Crews are comprised of three F-16 Instructor Pilots, led by LTC Bob Willson. These instructors support the flying training and support operations with specific additional duties. LTC Willson serves as the Operational Group Deputy Commander.

Air Force Order of Battle

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