

301 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

301 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 1 April 1943
Activated, 5 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 301 Operations Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991
Activated, 1 Sep 1991
Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992
Redesignated 301 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992
Redesignated 301 Operations Support Squadron, 26 May 2020

STATIONS

Pocatello AAB, ID, 5 Apr 1943
Mountain Home AAB, ID, 2 Aug 1943-9 Jan 1944
Nadzab, New Guinea, 24 Feb 1944
Clark Field, Luzon, 9 Aug 1945-30 Jun 1946
Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jun 1992
Carswell AFB (later, Carswell Air Reserve Station), TX, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 5 Apr 1943
Far East Air Forces, 24 Feb 1944

360 Air Service Group, 1 Sep 1945
Thirteenth Air Force, 27 Dec 1945-30 Jun 1946
301 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jun 1992
301 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Robert S. Mortensen
Lt Col Keith Knudson, Nov 2006-Mar 2008
Lt Col Bryan Cook, Jan 2010-Aug 2011
Lt Col Jason L. Smith, 18 Sep 2016
Lt Col Brett M. Comer, 3 Aug 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
New Guinea 1943-1944

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
[1 Sep] 1991-31 May 1992
[1 Aug] 1992-13 May 1994
30 Jun 1995-1 Jul 1997
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006
1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2008

EMBLEM

The 301 Operations Support Squadron emblem consists of two distinctive elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the squadron. The emblem consists of a black colored knight with brick red eyes, mouth, and helmet tail holding a sword and shield with the Southern Cross constellation in the center, in the ultramarine blue background with AF yellow fiery wings extended up behind the knight. The black knight reflects the veracity, diligence, and professionalism of the organization. As prestigious warriors, the duties of knights were to be experts in the arts of combat that served with honor during times of battle. Like knights, 301st OSS members are masters and highly capable of executing their wartime tasks to support the unit's mission. The red-lined eyes, mouth and helmet tail represent the tenacious spirit that 301st OSS members must have in order to achieve greatness during high operations tempo, local operations or combat deployments. The knight's shield signifies our steadfast defense and security from our enemies, while the sword symbolizes our power to strike targets with

swiftness and lethality. The five white star formation in the shield is the “Southern Cross” that links to our lineage with the Far East Air Force during operations in southern Pacific/New Guinea Campaign during World War II. The Army Air Force fiery wings represent our organization’s lineage to the Thirteenth Air Force and the Army Air Corps. AF yellow with brick red fiery wings in the ultramarine blue background also symbolizes our quest for air superiority in the vast open skies.

MOTTO

VERIBUS HONORIS MOLLITIA--Strength Honor Resilience

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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