

927 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

Unit consists of mission essential intelligence, long and short range planning, tactics, combat crew communications, and administrative support elements. Unit personnel develop, schedule, plan, and support global air refueling, strategic airlift, and aeromedical evacuation missions. Support also provided at Wing level in areas of intelligence and plans.

LINEAGE

927 Operations Support Squadron constituted and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992
Redesignated 927 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992
Redesignated 927 Operations Support Squadron, 15 Jan 1999
Redesignated 927 Operations Support Flight, 1 Sep 2003
Redesignated 927 Operations Support Squadron, 30 Sep 2013

STATIONS

Selfridge ANGB, MI, 1 Aug 1992
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 May 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

927 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Benjamin J. Ward, Apr 2018

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 2003-31 Aug 2005

1 Sep 2006-31 Aug 2008

EMBLEM



The globe represents global reach, readiness, and support. The non-MDS specific aircraft has 4 engines, each representing the entities that work together to make the operation run smoothly and effectively on the first day and every day thereafter; Operations Group, Operations Support Sq, Air Refueling Sq, and Aeromedical Evacuation Sq. There are 8 stars that shine behind the aircraft, each representing the individual shops of the OSS: Intel, crew comm, life support, harm, training, weapons & tactics, plans, and current ops. The colors used in the patch are BLUE and YELLOW, signifying that it is an Air Force patch. The green symbolizes the adaptability of the squadron. The non-MDS specific aircraft is SILVER, which signifies the clear conscience that squadron members bring to work every day. The squadron motto on the top banner reads: "SEMPER DIE PRIMO", which is Latin and translates to "always the first day". The squadron was born from a flight and the members have exemplified the qualities demonstrated within the patch on the first day and every day thereafter.



On a disc Sable overall a Kraken Vert, shadows Azure, eyed Or; all within a narrow Silver border. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Silver border and inscribed "SEMPER PRIMO DIE" in Silver letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Silver border and inscribed "927TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Silver 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. Green symbolizes adaptability. Black and gray denote determination and discretion. The Kraken highlights the Squadron's swift, cunning and agile qualities. Its eight tentacles represent the unit's distinct specialties of Aircrew Flight Equipment, Aircrew Training, Aviation Records Management, Combat Crew Communications, Current Operations, Intelligence, Weapons and Tactics, and Wing Plans. The motto translates to "ALWAYS THE FIRST DAY." (Approved, 30 Sep 2021)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Among all of the squadrons comprised of the 927th Air Refueling Wing, organizations under

the umbrella of the 927th Operations Support Squadron have the most widely varying mission sets. Now adorning each of their uniforms is an eight-armed sea monster known as the “Kraken” as well as the squadron’s motto, “Semper Primo Die” Latin for “Always the first day.” The motto indicates the desire for Airmen within the organization to begin each day with the same motivation as they began their first. Air Force Maj. Don Wiant, 927th OSS assistant director of operations and the artist behind the emblem explained the guiding principle behind elements of the new design.

“As members of the OSS, we don’t always get the opportunity to interact with everyone from the squadron,” said Wiant. “Although our specialties are diverse, our Airmen’s impact is far-reaching and they all uniquely contribute vitally to flying operations.” Following the switch from the Airman Battle Uniform to the Occupational Camouflage Pattern uniform, many units throughout the Air Force have begun the process of developing and adapting their unit emblems to the new color scheme. Doing so requires approval from a variety of sources including the Air Force Reserve Command historian, the Air Force Historical Research Agency and the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

“One of the most visible representations of an Air Force organization is the emblem,” said Andrew Pray, 927th ARW historian. “The legacy of a particular squadron or wing is associated closely with the design of the patch worn on their sleeve and it’s important that the design be representative of the organization as well as uphold the high standards of quality necessary for inclusion in the historical record.” Every member of the 927th OSS has a role to play in the future honors and lineage of their squadron and from Dec. 21, 2021, onward, the Kraken on each sleeve serves as a reminder of their vital contributions to flying operations as well as the mission of delivering combat-ready Citizen Airmen to fuel the fight.

USAF Unit Histories
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Sources

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