

1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

Air Base Squadron, 15th Air Base Group constituted and activated, 25 Sep 1940

Redesignated 16th Air Base Squadron, 17 Jan 1941

Redesignated 16th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 14 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 16th Air Base Squadron, 31 Jul 1985

1st Special Operations Mission Support Squadron constituted, 23 Feb 1993

Activated, 24 Mar 1993

16th Air Base Squadron and 1st Special Operations Mission Support Squadron consolidated
and redesignated 16th Mission Support Squadron, 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated 1st Special Operations Mission Support Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

Redesignated 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron, 20 Jun 2008

STATIONS

Albrook Fld, Canal Zone, 25 Sep 1940-1 Oct 1945

Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Airfield #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 24 Mar 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

15th Air Base Group, 25 Sep 1940

Sixth Air Force, Aug 1942-1 Oct 1945

1st Special Operations Support (later, 16th Support, later 16th Mission Support; 1st Special
Operations Mission Support) Group, 24 Mar 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-17
B-18A
BC-1
C-61
OA-8
OA-9
YA-19

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

A-17
35-142

B-18A
37-622

BC-1
38-359

C-61
41-38793

OA-8
37-372

OA-9
38-573

YA-19
38-553

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Oct 2006-30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[24 Mar 1993]-15 Apr 1994

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. Red refers to high threat missions supported by the unit. The star symbolizes Air Force Special Operations Command, the squadron's parent unit. The fist holding the scales shows the balance the unit must meet in supporting both the mission and serving the people. The colors of the hand denote the covert operations of Commando Special Operations

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OPERATIONS

The 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron provides administrative control for approximately 700 military and civilian personnel, manages 90 base facilities, and supports more than 40,000 active duty, reservists, civilians, families, and retirees in the local community. The unit also provides essential human services to the Hurlburt community through a wide variety of activities, facilities, and programs to include child care, before-and-after school youth programs, family daycare, dining facilities, lodging, outdoor recreation, golf course, library services, bowling, base honor guard, mortuary affairs, equipment rental, fitness centers, arts and crafts center, education center and Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

The 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron evolved from the Air Force directed mergers of base Mission Support Squadrons and Services Squadrons. The merger reduced the number of flights from 12 to five; reducing overhead.

Air Force Order of Battle

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