

## **3<sup>rd</sup> AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS GROUP**



### **LINEAGE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Communications Squadron, Air Support constituted, 8 Apr 1942  
Activated, 25 Apr 1942  
Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Communication Squadron, 11 Jan 1943  
Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944  
Inactivated, 4 Oct 1945  
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948  
Reconstituted and redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Group and activated, 15 Jun 1992  
Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

### **STATIONS**

Savannah AAB, GA, 25 Apr 1942  
Morris Field, NC, 18 Aug 1942  
Langley Field, VA, 5-22 Oct 1942  
Fedalla, French Morocco, 9 Nov 1942  
Tebessa, Tunisia, 22 Jan 1943  
Le Kouif, Tunisia, 19 Feb 1943  
Feriana, Tunisia, 2 Apr 1943  
Sbeitla, Tunisia, 7 Apr 1943  
Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943  
Korba, Tunisia, 17 May 1943  
Palermo, Sicily, 31 Jul 1943  
Lentini, Sicily, 28 Aug 1943  
Battipaglia, Italy, 24 Sep 1943  
Pontecagnano, Italy, 30 Sep 1943  
Naples, Italy, 6 Oct 1943  
Caserta, Italy, 24 Oct 1943  
Campo Mattei, Italy, 15 Jun 1944  
Roccastrada, Italy, 7 Jul 1944  
Cecina, Italy, 13 Jul 1944  
Tavernelle, Italy, 29 Aug 1944

Florence, Italy, 15 Sep 1944  
Traversa, Italy, 11 Oct 1944  
Crevalcore, Italy, 22 Apr 1945  
Verona, Italy, 29 Apr 1945  
Florence, Italy, 13 May 1945  
Pomigliano, Italy, 25 Aug-4 Oct 1945  
Ft Hood, TX, 15 Jun 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

48<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 25 Apr 1942  
II Ground Air Support Command, 1 May 1942  
III Ground Air Support Command, 31 May 1942  
XII Air Support (later, XII Tactical Air) Command, 5 Oct 1942  
XII Fighter Command, 15 Sep 1944  
62<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, 7 Jun 1945  
Twelfth Air Force, 10 Aug 1945  
AAF Service Command/Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 15 Aug-4 Oct 1945  
355<sup>th</sup> Wing, 15 Jun 1992  
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Feb 1994  
Eighth Air Force, 1 Oct 1994

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Seth Bretscher

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
European-African Middle Eastern Theater  
Algeria-French Morocco 1942  
Tunisia 1942-1943  
Sicily 1943  
Naples-Foggia 1943-1944  
Anzio 1944 with Arrowhead  
Rome-Arno 1944  
North Apennines 1944-1945  
Po Valley 1945

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation  
23 Aug-23 Oct 1944

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**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Operations Group mission is to train, deploy, and focus the world's best combat airpower and integrated weather operations for the joint force commander alongside III Corps or an supported land force commander, anytime, anywhere.

Activated with inexperienced personnel; organized with sufficient personnel and equipment to enable it to take part in initial invasion of north Africa on 8 Nov 42. Combat in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, Nov 1942-May 1945, Air support parties served British and American ground forces, directing air support missions for the ground forces they served. Participated in assault landings in the battles for Sicily, 9-11 Jul 1943; Salerno, Italy, 9-10 Sep 1943; and the Anzio beachhead, 22-23 Jan 1944.

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