

44 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

Develop and maintain an operational capability to conduct nuclear warfare while concurrently deactivating the wing's Minuteman ICBMs per Presidential direction. Train Emergency War Order (EWO), Weapon system, facility management, and code procedures/equipment operation. Develop all wing operations plans and schedules. Maintain and operate missile procedures trainers and code production equipment.

LINEAGE

44 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943
Activated, 1 Feb 1943
Redesignated 44 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 44 Operations Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991
Activated, 1 Sep 1991
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1994
Redesignated 44 Operations Support Flight, 7 Jan 2010
Activated, 1 Feb 2010

STATIONS

Bruning, NE, 1 Feb 1943
Gulfport AAB, MS, 6 Mar 1943
Galveston AAB, TX, 4 Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944
Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jul 1994
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Feb 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1943

46 Bombardment Operational Training Wing, 11 Apr 1943-1 Apr 1944

44 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jul 1994

44 Fighter Group, 1 Feb 2010

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1991-29 May 1992

6 Jul 1992-1 Jul 1994

EMBLEM

44 Operations Support Squadron emblem: On a dark blue disc with AF yellow piping (outer) and a second identical piping (inner) one-quarter inch inside the first, a large centered white star outlined in ultramarine blue with its five points extending over the inner piping to just touch the outer piping and with one point touching the apex of the patch when viewed. Between the two AF yellow bands on each side of the large star's vertical point are four in-line five-pointed white stars. A stylized AF yellow missile is placed vertically over the center of the larger star and it is encircled by an AF yellow laurel wreath. Below the disc is a dark blue scroll bordered in AF yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. 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. The large star represents strength and devotion to duty as displayed by unit personnel through leadership. The small stars arranged to suggest the squadron's designation stand for the many functions of the unit in support of the wing. The missile denotes the specialized area of expertise of the wing and squadron. The laurel wreath signifies the honor each squadron member embodies while serving his/her country. (Approved, 14 Jul 1992)

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