

7th SPACE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



LINEAGE

7th Photographic Squadron constituted, 19 Jan 1942

Activated, 28 Jan 1942

Redesignated 7th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 Jun 1942

Redesignated 7th Photographic Squadron [Light], 6 Feb 1943

Redesignated 7th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

7th Liaison Squadron constituted, 3 Nov 1945

Activated, 10 Dec 1945

Inactivated, 28 Mar 1949

Redesignated 7th Liaison Flight, 7 Oct 1949

Activated, 27 Oct 1949

Inactivated and redesignated 7th Liaison Squadron, 8 Sep 1952

Activated, 20 Oct 1952

Inactivated, 18 Jun 1954

7th Special Operations Flight Constituted, 18 Mar 1969

Activated, 1 Jul 1969

Inactivated, 30 Apr 1974

7th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron reconstituted, 19 Sep 1985

7th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 7th Liaison Squadron and 7th Special Operations Flight consolidated. Consolidated squadron redesignated 27th Special Operations Squadron, 19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 7th Space Operations Squadron, 1 Jan 1993
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 1993

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 28 Jan 1942
Savannah, GA, 27 Feb 1942
Colorado Springs, CO, 15 May 1942
Will Rogers Fld, OK, 10 Oct 1943-1 May 1944
Heidelberg, Germany, 10 Dec 1945
Phaffengrund, Germany, 1 Jan-25 Jun 1947
Langley Fld, VA, 25 Jun 1947
March Field (later, AFB), CA, 1 Sep 1947-28 Mar 1949
Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Donaldson AFB, SC, 20 Oct 1952-18 Jun 1954
Otis AFB, MA, 1 Jul 1969
Eglin Aux Fld #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 31 May 1972-30 Apr 1974
Falcon (later, Schriever) AFB, CO, 1 Jan 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 28 Jan 1942
Eighth Air Force, 29 Mar 1942
2nd Photographic (later 2nd Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; 2nd Photographic Reconnaissance) Group, 7 May 1942-1 May 1944
XII Tactical Air Command, 10 Dec 1945
Headquarters Command, United States Air Force in Europe, 10 Mar 1947
Tactical Air Command (attached to 300 Army Air Forces Base Unit), 25 Jun 1947
1st Fighter Wing, 1 Sep 1947-28 Mar 1949
5700th Air Base Group, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Eighteenth Air Force, 20 Oct 1952-18 Jun 1954
1st Special Operations Wing, 1 Jul 1969
317th Special Operations Squadron, 31 May 1972-30 Apr 1974
302nd Airlift Wing, 1 Jan 1993
302nd Operations Group, 1 May 1993
310th Space Group, 1 Sep 1997-.

ATTACHMENTS

64th Troop Carrier Group, 20 Oct 1952-9 Jan 1953

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38/F-4 and F-5, 1942-1944
B-25/F-10, 1942-1944
L-5, 1946-1947, 1948; 1949-1952
L-13, 1947-1948
L-4, 1948-1949
L-20, 1952-1954
C-47, 1969-1970

U-10, 1969-1971
C-123, 1970-1973
UH-1, 1971-1974
Satellites, 1993

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

F-4

41-2191
41-2192
41-2204
41-2170
41-2186
41-2212
41-2218
41-2375
41-2193
41-2181
41-2212
41-2200

F-4A

41-2379
41-2368
41-2381
41-2370

F-5

42-13125
41-2157
42-12767

F-5C

42-67572
42-67559
42-67572
42-67538
42-67565

P-38H

42-66787
42-66640
42-66787
42-66641
42-66646
42-66873
42-66783

42-66788
42-66620

L-5
42-99067

L-5B
42-99314
44-17110

L-5C
44-17291

L-13A
47-0292

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

1LT Neuenhahn, 28 Jan 1942
Maj Harry T. Eidson, 28 Feb 1942
Cpt Emmett C. Gravitt, 26 May 1942
Cpt Thomas G. Tracy, c. Aug 1942
Cpt MacArthur Gorton, by Jun 1943
Cpt Darold K. Barker, Nov 1943 (temporary)
Cpt Donald G. Kaufman, Dec 1943-unkn
Maj Frederick A. Campbell, Jr., 12 Dec 1945
Maj Eugene O'Brien, by Mar 1946 (temporary)
Maj Stanley G. Wright, Oct 1946
Maj Donald Hamilton, 25 Jun 1947
1st Lt Girard S. Tallent, 1 Sep 1947 (temporary)
Cpt Charles J. Crysler, 4 Nov 1947
Cpt Clyde E. Goode, 22 Feb 1948 (temporary)
Maj James A. Watkins, 24 Apr 1948
Cpt Charles J. Crysler, 31 Jul 1948 (temporary)
Maj William R. Crooks, 1 Sep 1948
Cpt Dean Miller, 2 Feb-29 Mar 1949
Unkn, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Maj Kelton M. Farris, 20 Oct 1952
Cpt Russell D. Barney, 18 Jan-18 Jun 1954
LTC Raymond G. Summy, Jul 1969
LTC Richard R. Cole, 31 Jul 1970
LTC Robert E. Hubeli, 6 Apr 1972
LTC Charles E. McMillan, 12 Jan 1973-30 Apr 1974

None (not manned), 17 Jan-17 Mar 1993
Maj Frank J. Cassarino, 18 Mar 1993
LTC Kevin G. Cavanagh, Aug 2000-Jan 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1969-15 Apr 1971

4 Sep 1997-1 Nov 1998

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Approved, 2 Feb 1994

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OPERATIONS

The responsibility of the 7th Space Operations Squadron is to augment active duty space units during national emergencies and wartime contingencies by providing command and control for two satellite systems: Defense Support Program and Global Positioning System. As an Associate Reserve Squadron with 33 members assigned, the Space Operations Squadron represented the cornerstone of the future Air Force Reserve Command's space operations Reserve associate unit programs.

7th Space Operations Squadron operates the Midcourse Space Experiment satellite, AFSPC's only space-based space surveillance asset. Space Operations Squadron also performs a booster launch operations mission, providing telemetry collection/data relay for Delta II launches. Provides support for the GPS and DSP satellites through routine operations, anomaly resolution, launch and early orbit, and satellite disposal.

Trained pilots and technicians for photographic reconnaissance, Jan 1942-Apr 1944.

Provided transportation and courier service in Europe, 1946-mid 1947, the US 1947-1949, and Latin America, 1949-1952.

Airlift support for US Army Special Forces, 1972-1974.

Satellite control since early 1993.

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Sources

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