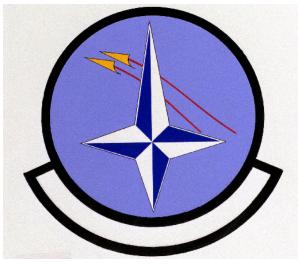
80 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 80 Operations Support Squadron is composed of five flights, including the Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight; RADAR, Airfield, and Weather Systems Flight; Weather Flight; Airfield Operations Flight; and the Student Training Flight. The squadron has over 170 permanent party personnel and oversees all student pilots in training. The 80 OSS is the largest Squadron in the 80 FTW, and continues to provide premier support to the ENJJPT Mission.

LINEAGE

80 Airdrome Squadron (Special) constituted, 17 Feb 1943 Activated, 1 Mar 1943 Inactivated, 14 Nov 1945 Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948 Reconstituted and redesignated 80 Operations Support Squadron, 1 Jan 1993 Activated, 15 Jan 1993

STATIONS

Hunter Army airfield, GA, 1 Mar- 27 Aug 1943 Port Moresby, New Guinea, 14 Oct 1943 Oro Bay, New Guinea, 6 May 1944 Noemfoor Island, New Guinea, 10 Sep 1944 Mangaldan, Luzon, 16 Jan 1945 Laoag, Luzon, 26 Apr 1945 Floridablanca, Luzon, 7 Jun - 23 Oct 1945 Camp Anza, CA, 13 - 14 Nov 1945 Sheppard AFB, TX, 15 Jan 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

80 Flying Training Wing, 15 Jan 1993-1 Jan 1998

80 Operations Group, 2 Jan 1998

COMMANDERS

LTC Michael P. Erdle, 15 Jan 1993 LTC Joseph A. Smutko, 11 Sep 1996 LTC Victor L. Hnatiuk, 11 Mar 1999 LTC Jeffrey Moragne, 15 Mar 2001 LTC J.D. Frisby-Griffin, 3 Jan 2003 LTC David A. Reth, 22 Nov 2004 LTC Joseph A. Less, 20 Mar 2006 LTC Michael G. Messer, 28 Mar 2008 LTC Barry Cook, 26 Mar 2010 LTC Scott D. Moon, 19 May 2011 LTC Anthony Mulhare, 12 Jul 2013 LTC Terralus J. Lowe, 23 Jan 2015 LTC Jason Turner, 16 Dec 2016 LTC Christopher Mulder, 30 Jul 2018 LTC John Scott, 19 May 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II New Guinea, 1943-1944 Luzon, 1944-1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards 1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001 1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2012 1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2015 1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WW II)

EMBLEM

On a brittany azure disc the ultramarine azure and argent NATO star is positioned at the nombril point where it's four points extend to the chief, base, dexter, and sinister positions. Two or aircraft issuant the field behind the estoille from sinister base to dexter chief followed by two gules contrails. The disc is bordered with sable an argent scroll is attached below the disk. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the

sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. White represents the perfections which all 80 OSS personnel strive to attain. The red contrails represent the strength of patriotism which propels the 80 OSS to greater heights. Brittany blue represents the loyalty to the wing and devotion to the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) mission. The NATO star symbolizes the squadron's responsibilities to the 13 countries participating in the ENJJPT program. The two aircraft in formation symbolize the basic formation mutual support concept, representing the squadron's support of the flying mission. (Approved, 14 Mar 1994)

ΜΟΤΤΟ

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In 1943 the 80 Airdrome Squadron activated in Savannah, Georgia. This unit traveled with flying squadrons in order to support their operations; in the interim period, before ground forces could reach the airplanes. Once ground forces arrived, the airdrome squadron would then be transferred to support another flying squadron. These airdrome squadrons were used extensively during the island hopping campaigns of World War II. In 1943, the 80 Airdrome Squadron boarded a boat and transferred to the West Coast, in order to serve in the Pacific Theater. The unit distinguished itself with service in both New Guinea and the Philippines. The old airdrome squadron served proudly until its inactivation in 1945. The 80 Airdrome Squadron would be reborn again. Upon activation the 80 OSS consisted of the Air Traffic Control Flight, the Airfield Support Flight (Weather and Base Operations), and the Personnel Flight. The Weather Section was previously part of the Operations Division. Air Traffic Control was part of the 88 FTS, and the Wing Administration and Personnel Sections were part of the Headquarters Squadron. In 1994, the squadron increased in size by adding four new sections: the Current Operations Flight (Bookstore, Flight Records, Airspace Management, Computer Resources, and Life Support), Quality Assurance Flight, Scheduling Flight, and the Student Operations Flight.

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