91 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The "Pathfinders" of the 91 Operations Support Squadron provide training to 224 missile combat crew members, 56 facility managers, 60 missile field chefs and 75 maintainers, and prepares ICBM targeting material and code components. Their motto "We Show the Way," embodies the squadron's commitment to lead from the front by ensuring the Wing's ICBMs are ready to immediately put bombs on target.

The most functionally diverse squadron in the operations group, 91 Operations Support Squadron is divided among three flights. The Current Operations Flight leads wing training for operations crews, facility managers and chefs. It also conducts operations scheduling and operates two multi-million dollar missile procedure trainers. The Emergency War Orders Flight is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of missile targeting materials and providing emergency war order procedures training. The ICBM Codes Flight prepares ICBM code components, and provides missile combat crew and maintenance personnel training used to ensure positive control and nuclear surety for the wing.

LINEAGE

91 Airdrome constituted, 30 Mar 1943 Activated, 1 Apr 1943 Disbanded, 20 Jan 1945 Reconstituted and redesignated 91 Operations Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991 Activated, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Hunter Field, GA, I Apr 1943 Barksdale Field, LA, 16 Oct 1943 Hunter Field, GA, 18 Nov-5 Dec 1943 Wheeler Field, TH, 13 Jan 1944 Bellows Field, TH, 4 Nov 1944-20 Jan 1945 Minot AFB, ND, 1 Sep 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 1 Apr 1943 Seventh Air Force, 21 Dec 1943 VII Air Force Service Command, 28 Dec 1943 VI Air Force Service Area Command, 15 Aug 1944-20 Jan 1945 91 Operations Groups, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

- 1 Sep 1993-31 Aug 1995
- 1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1997
- 1 Oct 1998-30 Sep 2000
- 1 Jan-31 Dec 2002
- 1 Jan2013-31 Dec 2014

EMBLEM









91 Operations Support Squadron emblem: On an argent disc an ultramarine azure and vert earth sits atop an or column. The column is positioned at the fess point where it raises the earth to middle chief. Three gules arrowheads are surmounted over the column, all pointing toward the earth. The disc is bordered with gules. A scroll is attached below the disc. The scroll, which is blank, is also bordered with gules. SIGNIFICANCE: 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 maroon arrowheads represent our total commitment to supporting the three operational missile squadrons. The arrowheads are pointed toward the earth, always poised in strategic readiness, poised to respond if called upon. The green on the earth symbolizes the hope for continued world peace. The yellow column represents elevation of mind through constant training, as we achieve wisdom through excellence. The column supporting the earth represents strength of purpose and commitment. The gray background represents the maturity and experience we constantly strive for in our quest for world peace through nuclear deterrence. (Approved, 27 Jul 1993)

MOTTO

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Sources

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