

96th OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

The 96th Operations Group conducts the wing's primary missions of developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, F-15 and A-10 avionics, and navigation and guidance systems.

LINEAGE

96th Operations Group

STATIONS

Eglin AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

96th Test Wing

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, a falcon's head erased Or holding in its beak a drop bomb bendwise nose to base Gules, garnished Sanguine, fimbriated of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "96TH OPERATIONS GROUP" in Blue letters. **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 falcon's head heraldically denotes the organization's bombardment heritage and also symbolizes the unit's steadfast pursuit of mission accomplishments. The bomb itself represents the weapons testing mission of the Wing.

MOTTO

E SEMPRE L'ORA-- It Is Always the Hour

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