

325 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 325 Operations Support Squadron provides support and academic and simulator instruction to all U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve F-15 and F-22 pilots, Air Battle Managers and Airborne Warning and Control System weapons directors. The 325 OSS also controls air traffic and trains airfield operations officers, manages the airfield complex, weapons and weather station while directing operations of more than 3,400 square miles of air combat maneuvering instrumentation training ranges for more than 20,000 local and off-season sorties annually. Additionally, the 325 OSS provides wing intelligence support and trains U.S. Air Force F-15 and F-22 intelligence personnel.

The squadron trains officer air traffic controllers, conducts F-15 and F-22 academic and simulator training, develops syllabi and all associated classroom courseware, and supports air weapons controller training programs. Members of the squadron provide current intelligence, operations scheduling, weapons and tactics training, life support training, water survival training, weather observation and forecasting, the Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation range, and air traffic control service to all civilian, commercial, and military operations in the Tyndall-Panama City, FL, terminal area. Additionally, the squadron members manage the airfield, airspace, programmed flying training, wing flying hour program, flight records, and manpower for the 325 Operations Group Commander.

The weapons and tactics flight is responsible for weapons and tactics leadership, expertise and staff actions required to be ready for and highly successful in mission tasking and student training. Weapons and tactics personnel are responsible for ensuring currency and effectiveness in tactics execution within the wing through the Top Gun and Turkey Shoot competitions, the electronic combat program, weapons and tactics talks, and tactical reference publications.

The airfield operations flight conducts more than 180,000 annual operations, supporting the Air Force's F-22 Raptor and Air Battle Manager training programs. The organization is comprised of airfield managers, air traffic controllers, and automation specialists supporting Tyndall's F-22s, MU-2s, E-9s, QF-4s, and an Aero Club. Mission monitoring service is provided to more than 6,000 fighter air-to-air training missions annually. Air traffic control facility personnel are responsible for providing air traffic services for Panama City International Airport and 11 other satellite airports. Airfield Management personnel maintain three runways, process more than 30,000 flight plans annually and are the focal point for all transient aircraft services.

The weather flight provides environmental data, hazardous weather bulletins, tropical weather impacts, and staff weather support to the 325 Fighter Wing, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group and other Tyndall associate units, and the general base populace. Flight personnel plan and establish tailored environmental forecast products for military operating areas in the Florida panhandle and the northern Gulf of Mexico for 325 FW pilot training, air battle manager training, and weapons evaluation missions.

The current operations flight is responsible for the daily scheduling of flying sorties and airspace for all regional users of Tyndall air-to-air ranges. The staff coordinates procedures between 1st Air Force, the Federal Aviation Administration and other major commands to ensure orderly and safe use of 15,000 square miles of airspace and manages the supervisor of the flying program. Flight personnel maintain the aircraft hurricane evacuation plan and when necessary, coordinate the evacuation of base aircraft. The flight is also responsible for managing the 325th Fighter Wing's flying-hour program.

LINEAGE

325 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 14 Jul 1943

Activated, 20 Jul 1943

Disbanded, 20 Jan 1945

Reconstituted, redesignated 325 Operations Support Squadron, and activated, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Hunter Field, GA, 20 Jul 1943

Ft Lawton, WA, 6-15 Jul 1944

Kahuku AB, Territory of Hawaii, 23 Jul 1944-20 Jan 1945

Tyndall AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1991

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Chatham Field, GA, 31 Aug-29 Sep 1943

Bowling Green, KY, 12 Nov-12 Dec 1943

Waycross AAFld, GA, 25 Apr-2 Jun 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

325 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

LTC Bret D. Anderson
LTC Steven Wallender

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1991-30 Jun 1993
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995
1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009
1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012
[1 Jul] 2012-31 May 2013

EMBLEM

The 325 OSS emblem is symbolic of the squadron's multifaceted support functions. Blue and 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 circular emblem encloses a bird of prey, the air dominance fighter, ready to launch from a fisted gauntlet representing the squadron as a steady operational base. The lightning bolt behind the bird of prey indicates the technology that allows flight operation in all weather, day or night. It is the same lightning bolt displayed on the 325 Fighter Wing emblem. The six stars, three on each side of the bird of prey, represent the six unique functions of the squadron: airfield operations, intelligence, current operations, training, weapons, and weather. Approved on 1 Jun 1992.

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Silver Knights

OPERATIONS

During World War II, the squadron served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater under the Seventh Air Force. The squadron served at numerous locations throughout the war until it was deactivated on Jan. 20, 1945, as part of Sixth Air Service Command, Oahu, Hawaii.

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