

## 21<sup>st</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

21st Operations Support Squadron is comprised of five flights and a maintenance division that provides operations and maintenance support to six geographically separated space warning squadrons and nine geographically separated space control squadrons.

The Weather Flight provides critical, timely and accurate weather intelligence in support of the 21st Space Wing and the Cheyenne Mountain Directorate worldwide.

The Intelligence Flight provides timely operational intelligence for planning, executing and sustaining Space Control operations in support of the 21st Space Wing, as well as timely strategic and theater Missile Warning intelligence information to 21st Space Wing units and wing leadership.

The Current Operations Flight directly supports 21st Space Wing leadership by collecting, organizing, developing and explaining information needed to achieve objectives, while continuously seeking to improve 21st Space Wing management tools and processes.

The Weapons and Tactics Flight maximizes combat capability, integration and effects to weapons systems and operators against identified and emerging threats. This flight also leads 21st Space Wing exercises and manages the Warfighter Education program.

The Airfield Operations Flight supports every aircraft arrival, departure and over flight at Peterson AFB. Additionally, they maintain flight records for USAF crews, maintain ramp infrastructure, manage the flightline driving program, and serve as the military liaison for the

Colorado Springs Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Maintenance Division supports maintenance issues for the 21st Space Wing's Missile Warning and Defense Sensors and Space Control Sensors. The Maintenance Division also provides maintenance data analysis support as well as quality assurance oversight for the Peterson AFB Transient Alert, Aerospace Ground Equipment, and Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory contracts.

#### **LINEAGE**

21<sup>st</sup> Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

21<sup>st</sup> Operations Squadron activated, 6 May 1966

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1970

21<sup>st</sup> Airdrome Squadron and 21<sup>st</sup> Operations Squadron reconstituted and consolidated and redesignated 21<sup>st</sup> Operations Support squadron, 25 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 19 Dec 1991

Activated, 15 May 1992

#### **STATIONS**

Topeka AAF, KS

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 Jul 1966-1 Jan 1970

Peterson AFB, CO

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

21<sup>st</sup> Operations Group

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

H-21

C-47

C-54

C-118

T-33

#### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Troy Endicott

LTC E. McConnell

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

## Campaign Streamers

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

AF Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan- 31 Dec 1969

## EMBLEM



21<sup>st</sup> Operations Support Squadron emblem

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

The 21st Operations Squadron mission was search and rescue using the H-21. The 21st Operations Squadron also flew the C-47, C-54 and C-118 as part of the wing's airlift mission.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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## Sources

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