

89th OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 89th Operations Support Squadron provides vital mission support including intelligence, weather, airfield operations, mission operations, current operations, operational training and flight management. Airfield operations manages the nation's executive airfield which includes two major runways, and coordinates operations with nine partner flying units from all the military services, including active, guard and reserve; and the Department of Energy, Maryland State Police and Civil Air Patrol.

The flight management section is the largest in the Air Force. The unique mission operations section conducts mission planning, coordinates en route support and gains diplomatic clearances for hundreds of missions each year. The current operations flight provides operational scheduling and command and control of all SAM aircraft in harmonization with Andrews Command Post and the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force Special Missions Office.

LINEAGE

89th Airdrome Squadron activated, 1 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 89th Operations Support Squadron, 1991

Activated, 12 Jul 1991

STATIONS

Hunter AAF, Savannah, GA

Oran, Algeria, Jan 1944

Algiers, Algeria, Jan 1944

Bombay, India, Feb, 1944

Karachi, India

Camp Malir,

Andrews AFB, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

89th Operations Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

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89th Airdrome Squadron

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OPERATIONS

3 Apr 43: The 89th Airdrome Sq. was activated at Hunter Field, Savannah, GA. Maneuvers and duty at Lebanon, TN Airport with Tennessee Air Support Command from Aug-Oct 43.

6 Dec 43: Unit began travel to overseas duty; departed from Camp Patrick Henry, Newport, VA, on 13 Dec 43 by liberty ship SS William H. Mulholland. Arrived and debarked at Oran, Algeria 1 Jan 44 and moved on to Algiers before boarding a ship for transport to a permanent assignment at an Indian location.

3 Jan 44: 89th Airdrome Sq broken up and personnel placed under administrative control of the China-Burma-India Chinese American Operational Training Unit (CAOTU).

25 Jul 45: Unit assigned to the Central India Air Depot.

The unit was known as Cantrel's Kittens, after the unit commander. The patch was unofficial and was made in mid-to-late 1945 as a memento for the unit members.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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