

820 COMBAT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

820 Combat Operations Squadron constituted, 20 Feb 2009
Activated, 25 Mar 2009

STATIONS

Moody AFB, GA, 25 Mar 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

820 Security Forces (later, 820 Base Defense) Group, 25 Mar 2009

COMMANDERS

LTC John Daberkow

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
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On a disc as a globe Celeste, edged and gridlined Azure, overall a stylized falcon volant Argent, wing tips, eye, claws and shadowed Argent (Silver Gray), legged Or, grasping in dexter claw a lightning

bolt bendwise of the fifth, grasping in sinister claw the same lightning bolt of the last and a sword bendwise sinister blade of the fourth, hilt Gules, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "BUILT FOR BATTLE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "820TH COMBAT OPERATIONS SQUADRON" in Yellow 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 globe represents the unit's worldwide mission which consists of airborne, air assault and ground mobile outside-the-wire missions. The globe's horizontal and vertical lines represent the many different Air Force specialties that are integrated into the unit to make its impact greater than the sum of the parts. The falcon represents how the unit operates with full tenacity and veracity until any given objective is achieved. The strength and precise hunter instincts of the falcon are reflected in the training and mission of the unit, whether hunting key individuals and weapons or providing force protection operations for Air Force, Department of Defense and coalition personnel. The lightning bolt represents the swiftness and power of the Squadron's integrated combat capability created from the many Air Force specialties; by rapidly integrating the diverse specialties, the unit gives base defense commanders the information, intelligence, operations, logistics, communications and medical capabilities to prosecute their training and operations to gain advantage over the adversaries and help assure mission success. The sword represents the military justice, honor and strength that guides the unit in overcoming even the most austere and demanding conditions regardless of task or location. (Approved, 24 Jun 2010)

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The Air Force's sole wing devoted to maintaining its force of specialized battlefield airmen has activated the 820th Combat Operations Squadron under the 820th Security Forces Group. The Air Force last year stood up the 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing, headquartered at Moody AFB, Ga., which comprises the 820th SFG at Moody, 3rd Air Support Operations Group at Ft. Hood, Tex., and 18th ASOG at Pope AFB, N.C.

After more than a year of planning, a new squadron was activated during a ceremony held at Moody AFB (Georgia) March 25 to further support the unit capabilities of the 820th Security Forces Group. After a new guidon was unveiled, the 820th Combat Operations Squadron became a fully functional unit in the 820th SFG. "The mission of the 820th COS is to provide combat support for the first-in mission of the 820th SFG," said Col. Donald Derry, 820th SFG commander. "The creation of this squadron meets the operational mandate handed down by U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Northern Command. "It also gives the 820th SFG the administrative structure necessary to meet continuing war on terrorism responsibilities and the on-going high operations tempo at home station and overseas," he added. Beginning in May, Lt. Col. John Daberkow, Pentagon Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Architectures and Systems Branch chief, will assume command of the 820th COS. "The role and growth of the 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing and the 820th SFG

mindset is essential," said Lt. Col. Daberkow. "I am looking forward to joining this team so I can continue to see evidence of its positive impact." The new squadron will also help support the existing squadrons under the 820th SFG's command. "It will provide the oversight required to give home-based support for the other squadrons in the 820th SFG," said Colonel Derry. "The squadron's structure allows for a singularly focused support point for the rotating deployment of the three other squadrons." Except for the incoming commander, all personnel assigned to the 820th COS come from within the current group staff.

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