

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SPACE SUPPORT WING



### **LINEAGE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Space Support Wing constituted, 8 Oct 1986

Activated, 15 Oct 1986

Inactivated, 15 May 1992

### **STATIONS**

Peterson AFB, CO

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Force Space Command

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

Azure, resting on a pillar issuing from base or, detailed argent, a globe celeste (blue turquoise) grid lined of the second and outlined of the third within two orbital rings saltirewise of the like each charged in chief with a polestar gold; all between three mullets and a plate argent, the plate in dexter chief; all within a diminished bordure or. 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 globe represents the earth as viewed from space. The latitude and longitude lines emphasize the global nature of Air Force space operations. The ellipses and stars represent the orbital paths traced by satellites. The pillar represents the support mission of the Wing.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 3rd Space Support Wing mission was to provide operating support to the Peterson Complex, which included the headquarters of North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Space Command, Air Force Space Command and 1st Space Wing. The wing also provided certain support functions such as personnel, finance, supply and transportation for the 2nd Space Wing at Falcon AFB.

Peterson Air Force Base became the hub of Air Force space activity when the 1st Space Wing assumed host unit responsibility following the inactivation of the 46th Aerospace Defense Wing on 1 April 1983. The 1st Space Wing then transferred host unit responsibility to the 3d Space Support Wing, which activated on 15 October 1986. Finally, on 15 May 1992, these two wings inactivated and their personnel and equipment transferred to the 21st Space Wing, which activated on 15 May 1992.

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