

20th MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

LINEAGE

20th Airdrome Group established, 28 Jul 1947

Organized, 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued, 26 Aug 1948

20th Air Base Group established, 15 Jun 1948

Activated, 24 Aug 1948

Redesignated 20th Support Group, 26 Jan 1956

Redesignated 20th Combat Support Group, 15 Jun 1962

20th Airdrome Group and 20th Combat Support Group consolidated, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated 20th Support Group, 31 Mar 1992

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1994

Activated, 1 Jan 1994

Redesignated 20th Mission Support Group, 30 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Shaw Field (later, Shaw AFB), SC, 15 Aug 1947

Langley AFB, VA, 28 Nov 1951-22 May 1952

Wethersfield RAF Station (later, RAF Wethersfield), England, 1 Jun 1952

RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Apr 1970-1 Jan 1994

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

20th Fighter (later, 20th Fighter-Bomber; 20th Tactical Fighter; 20th Fighter) Wing, 15 Aug 1947-1 Jan 1994

20th Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1994

COMMANDERS

LTC Abraham E. Shook, #1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1956-30 Sep 1957

1 May 1963-31 Dec 1964

1 Jan 1965-31 May 1966

1 Jul 1968-31 Mar 1970

1 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1972

31 Mar 1973-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992

EMBLEM

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Today's 20th Fighter Wing can trace its lineage to 28 July 1947, when the 20th Fighter Wing, began at Shaw Field, South Carolina, as a Ninth Air Force unit. Components of the new fighter wing included the 20th Maintenance and Supply Group, the 20th Airdrome Group, and the 20th Station Medical Group (later Tactical Hospital). At the same time, the 20th Fighter Group with the 55th, 77th, and 79th Fighter Bomber Squadrons and P-51 formed the combat element of the 20th Fighter Wing. The group exchanged its P-51's in February 1948 for F-84B (later D).

On 24 August 1948, a reorganization of the 20th Maintenance and Supply Group featured the activation of the 20th Supply Squadron, Fighter, Jet (later simplified to 20th Supply Squadron) and

the 20th Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, Jet (renamed 20th Maintenance Squadron in 1950, 20th Field Maintenance Squadron in 1954, and 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron in 1981).

Meanwhile, on 26 January 1956, the wing underwent a major internal reorganization with the inactivation of the 20th Maintenance and Supply Group and the realignment of the 20th Field Maintenance and 20th Supply Squadrons under the air base group which was then redesignated the 20th Support Group. At the same time, the 20th Installations Squadron and 20th Food Service Squadron were also inactivated (they reemerged as the 20th Civil Engineering Squadron and 20th Services Squadron on 16 January 1962 and 1 February 1982, respectively), the 20th Air Base Squadron was activated, and the 20th Communications Squadron was redesignated as the 20th Operations Squadron (this squadron remained with the wing until its inactivation on 1 July 1958).

Intermediate command over the 20th changed hands between 3rd Air Force and 16th Air Force from 1 July 1961 to 1 September 1963. In the meantime, internal changes again altered the structure of the wing. January 16th marked the activation of the 20th Civil Engineering Squadron, a unit which had been dormant for six years. On 15 June 1962, the 20th Support Group was redesignated as the 20th Combat Support Group and the 20th Supply Squadron was realigned under the wing and its newly appointed office of Deputy Commander for Materiel (DCM). On the same day, the 20th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron came into being, along with the inactivation of the 20th Field Maintenance, Periodic Maintenance, and Armament and Electronic Maintenance Squadrons, and the consolidation of their assets under the new squadron. The CAMS Squadron fell under the DCM. Direction and control over the wing's three flying squadrons went to another newly formed office - Deputy Commander for Operations (DCO) on the same day.

The 20th Combat Support Group operates RAF Upper Heyford. Crough- ton and Barford St. John in direct support of the 20th TFW and its assigned and tenant units. The combat support group commander supervises the functions of Personnel; Chaplain; Administration; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Civil Engineering; Security Police; Dependent Schools; Operations and Training; Disaster Preparedness; Services; Family Support Center and Base Headquarters Squadron.

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Sources

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Unit history. 20th Fighter Bomber Wing. 1953.