

25 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

25 Observation Squadron (Light) constituted, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 2 Mar 1942

Redesignated 25 Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Redesignated 25 Liaison Squadron, 2 Apr 1943

Inactivated, 25 Mar 1949

Redesignated 25 Tactical Air Support Squadron, 30 Mar 1971

Activated, 8 Jul 1971

Inactivated, 15 Sep 1989

Redesignated 25 Air Liaison Squadron, 26 Sep 1990

Activated, 1 Oct 1990

Redesignated 25 Air Support Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 1994

STATIONS

Salinas AAB, CA, 2 Mar 1942

Esler Field, LA, 26 Jan 1943

Laurel AAFld, MS, 31 Mar-20 Oct 1943

Sydney, Australia, 19 Nov 1943

Brisbane, Australia, 24 Nov 1943

Lae, New Guinea, 11 Feb 1944

Nadzab, New Guinea, 16 Feb 1944

Biak, 7 Sep 1944

Dulag, Leyte, 5 Mar 1945
Malabang, Mindanao, 19 Apr 1945
Del Monte, Mindanao, 22 Jan 1945
Dulag, Leyte, 17 Nov 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 10 Jan 1946
Kadena, Okinawa, 22 Apr 1947
Clark Field, Luzon, 8 Sep 1947-25 Mar 1949
Eielson AFB, AK, 8 Jun 1971-15 Sep 1989
Schofield Barracks, HI, 1 Oct 1990
Wheeler Admin Annex, HI, 1 Jan 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

71 Observation (later, 71 Reconnaissance) Group, 2 Mar 1942
II Air Support Command (later, II Tactical Air Division), 11 Aug 1943
Fifth Air Force, 19 Nov 1943
V Bomber Command, 24 Nov 1943
71 Reconnaissance (later, 71 Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 13 Dec 1943
Thirteenth Air Force, 17 Mar 1945
403 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Nov 1945
Thirteenth Air Force, 31 Dec 1945
85 Fighter Wing, 5 Jul 1946
1 Air Division, 30 Mar 1947
Thirteenth Air Force, 15 Sep 1947
Far East Air Forces (attached to 18 Fighter Wing), 1 Dec 1948-25 Mar 1949
5010 Combat Support Group, 8 Jul 1971
343 Composite (later, 343 Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1981-15 Sep 1989
15 Air Base Wing, 1 Oct 1990
6010 Aerospace Defense Group, 24 May 1991
15 Operations Group, 13 Apr 1992

ATTACHMENTS

71 Reconnaissance Group, 19 Nov-12 Dec 1943
Thirteenth Air Force, 16 Feb-16 Mar 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47
L-1
L-2A
P-39D
P-40F
B-25C
L-5C, 1943
L-5E
L-4A

L-4B
UC-61,
UC-78, 1944-1945
C-47, 194-1946
L-5, 1947-1948
O-2A
OV-10, 1986

COMMANDERS

Maj James Swanson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations (Philippines)

10-25 Dec 1944

17 Apr-1 Jun 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1973-31 Dec 1974

1 Jan-31 Dec 1975

1 Jan-31 Dec 1976

1 Jan 1977-31 Dec 1978

1 Jan-31 Dec 1979

1 Jan 1980- 30 Sep 1981

1 Jan 1983-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

1 Jan 1988-[15 Sep] 1989

1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993

1 Aug 1994-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1995-1 Aug 1997

2 Aug 1997-1 Aug 1999

29 Nov 1999-30 Nov 2001

1 Nov 2002-31 Oct 2004

1 Nov 2004-31 Oct 2006

1 Nov 2006-31 Oct 2007

1 Nov 2008-31 Oct 2010

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM



On a light blue disc, a dexter cubit arm issuing from sinister side with mailed fist argent, grasping the hilt of a sword winged of gold, point to base, charged at the hilt with a red drop bomb. (Approved, 18 Jan 1943)





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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, 27 May-20 Aug 1942; combat in Southwest Pacific, Feb 1944-Aug 1945.
Not operationally manned or equipped, Jan-1 Oct 1947.

July 8, 1971 – When Lieutenant Colonel James O. Swanson became commander of the 25 Tactical Air Support Squadron, he had a borrowed desk, a telephone, and a promise for nine aircraft and accompanying personnel. It took two months to get the first O-2A “Mosquito,” and the unit’s complement of 14 officers and eight NCOs would not be complete until June 1972. Despite the inauspicious beginning, the arrival of the 25 marked a significant addition to the mission of Eielson, that of air strike control and liaison for ground units stationed in Alaska.

September 7, 1971 – Nine disassembled O-2As arrived at Eielson AFB via Sea-Land vans from Osan AB, Korea, for assignment to the 25 Tactical Air Support Squadron.

December 9, 1974 – An O-2A, assigned to the 25 Tactical Air Support Squadron at Eielson AFB, crashed while on a routine training mission on the Fort Greeley training area near Delta Junction. The pilot and co-pilot were both killed.

The 25 Air Support Operations Squadron's Air Support Operations Center in Hawaii has proved it has initial operational capability and expects to reach full operational capability within the next couple of months. The 25 ASOS, located at JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, deployed 34 airmen—joint terminal attack controllers, communications specialists, and logisticians—and more than 16 short tons of equipment last month to the Philippines to participate in the annual Balikatan exercise for its IOC test. Calling the exercise "crucial" toward achieving FOC, Lt. Col. John Schaefer III, 25 ASOS commander, said, "We proved we were able to field a self-sustained command and control hub which retained accountability for fixed and rotary winged aircraft while executing requests for close air support and support land maneuver forces." The Hawaii-based ASOC expects to deploy members this fall for two six-month tours to support US Central Command operations. 2010

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