

47 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

47 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Redesignated 47 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

47 Communications Squadron, Bombardment, Light, Jet constituted, 23 Jun 1948

Activated, 22 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949

Redesignated 47 Communications Squadron, 5 Mar 1951

Activated, 12 Mar 1951

Redesignated 47 Operations Squadron, 26 Jan 1956

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1958

47 Airdrome Squadron (Special) reconstituted, and consolidated with 47 Operations Squadron, 9 Dec 1991. Consolidated organization designated 47 Operations Support Squadron

Activated, 15 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Herington AAB, KS, 1 Feb 1943

Gowen Fld, ID, 25 Mar 1943

Herington AAB, KS, 2 May 1943-1 Apr 1944

Biggs AFB, TX, 22 Aug 1948
Barksdale AFB, LA/ 19 Nov 1948-2 Oct 1949
Langley AFB, VA, 12 Mar 1951-21 May 1952
Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 1 Jun 1952-15 Jul 1958
Laughlin AFB, TX, 15 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944
47 Air Base Group, 22 Aug 1948-2 Oct 1949
47 Air Base (later, 47 Support) Group, 12 Mar 1951-15 Jul 1958
47 Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991

COMMANDERS

Capt Hubert Green, #1953
Lt Col John Dunham
Lt Col Jeff Smith, 2006
Maj B. D. Newsom

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater Service Streamer

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On an ultramarine blue disc, border air force yellow, the head and the body of a brown rattlesnake, shaded brown, highlighted buff and gold brown, with air force yellow eyes, black pupils, along with black tongue. There are four buff stripings placed just below the rattle of the snake. Four white stars along with a crescent moon are set in the air force blue.

SIGNIFICANCE: 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 rattlesnake coiled and ready to strike reflects the alert readiness of the squadron and its rapid response in support of the mission. The snake's brown color represents the earthly foundation of the unit, the buff stripings suggest the honor of the squadron personnel, and the black eyes show intense determination in accomplishing the mission. The buff and gold brown highlights signify the majesty of the U.S. defense's lethal strike force. The white crescent moon (new moon) is symbolic of the wisdom of the parent command and represents the unit's 24-hour call to duty. The four stars denoting the multifaceted functions of the squadron combined with the seven rattles on the snake's tail suggest the unit's designation. (Approved, 5 Jan 1993)

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