

48 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Air Base Group established, 25 Jun 1952
Activated, 10 Jul 1952
Redesignated 48 Combat Support Group, 15 Jan 1962
Redesignated 48 Support Group, 31 Mar 1992
Redesignated 48 Mission Support Group, 25 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Chaumont Air Base, France, 10 Jul 1952
RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Fighter-Bomber (later, 48 Tactical Fighter, 48 Fighter) Wing, 10 Jul 1952

COMMANDERS

Col Walter L. Wheeler, 10 Jul 1952
Lt Col Ray A. Robinson, Jr., 24 Jul 1953
Col Lynn R. Moore, Dec 1953
Col William L. Leverette, 22 Jul 1954
Col Theodore H. Runyon, Jun 1956
Col William C. Plott, 13 Jul 1956
Col Edward F. Roddy, 1 Dec 1957

Lt Col Thomas C. McGuire, 15 Jan 1960
Col Evans G. Stephens, 11 Jul 1960
Lt Col Harold D. Collins, 5 Jul 1963
Col Robert E. Carlson, 22 Jul 1963
Col Robert A. O'Donnell, 1965
Lt Col David T. Mold, 17 Jun 1967
Col Joseph R. Struby, 1 Aug 1967
Col Stephen A. Farris, Jr., 14 Aug 1968
Col Edward R. Johnston, 10 Jul 1970
Col Louis A. Babbitt, 1 Jun 1974
Col Robert I. Paltenberg, 1 Dec 1975
Col James E. Kelm, 8 May 1978
Col Merle E. Bollenbach, 9 May 1980
Col Henry R. Becker, 2 Aug 1982
Col Keith N. Lacey III, 27 Jan 1984
Col Dwight M. Kealoha, 1 Jun 1985
Col William E. Dunnivant, 1 Jul 1986
Col George D. Westover, 1 Jul 1988
Lt Col Robert M. Timmons, 21 Jun 1989
Col Richard Davis, 23 Feb 1990
Col Walter E. Buchanan III, 14 Jul 1992
Col Larry G. Carter, 14 Apr 1993
Col Rulon L. Brough, 21 Jul 1995
Lt Col Donald A. Gemeinhardt, 28 May 1997
Col Stuart M. Ehrlich, 15 Jul 1997
Col Mark D. Perodeau, 21 Jul 1999
Col Donald M. Palandech, 6 Jul 2001
Col Neal B. McElhannon, 28 Jul 2003
Col Amanda Gladney, 11 Aug 2005
Col John G. Clarke, 20 Jun 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia 1990 – 1991

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait 1991

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1961 – 29 Feb 1964

1 Jul 1966 – 30 Jun 1968
14 Oct 1976 – 31 Dec 1977
1 Apr 1978 – 31 Mar 1980
1 Jul 1984 – 30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1986 – 30 Jun 1988
1 Jul 1988 – 30 Jun 1990
*20 Aug 1990 – 11 May 1991
1 Jul 1994 – 30 Jun 1996
1 Aug 1996 – 30 Sep 1998
**[14 April] – 10 Jun 1999
1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sep 2000
1 Oct 2002 – 30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004 – 31 Oct 2005
1 Nov 2005 – 31 Dec 2006
*Honors earned as the 48TFW (Provisional)
**Honors Conferred from the 48th Expeditionary Support Group-Noble Anvil.

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OPERATIONS

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