

8 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

Defend the Base by providing area Situational Awareness. Accept Follow-On Forces by executing airfield operations. Take the Fight North by supporting all flight activities. Manages diverse airfield, airspace and flight operations/scheduling functions enabling units to conduct training and operational missions. Provides airfield management, air traffic control, aircrew life support and training, weather and intelligence analysis/support. Oversees weapons and tactics and wing flying hour programs, which exceeds 8,900 hours annually for two F-16 fighter squadrons with 45 assigned aircraft, conducting over 6,400 annual sorties. Ensures constant combat readiness of assigned personnel.

LINEAGE

8 Operations Support Squadron constituted, 1 Feb 1992
Activated, 3 Feb 1992

STATIONS

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 3 Feb 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Operations Group, 3 Feb 1992

COMMANDERS

LT COL David L. Connors, 3 Feb 1992
LT COL Irvin M. Harden, 26 Jun 1992

LT COL David A. Quesnel, 21 Jul 1993
LT COL Frederick R. Griese, 12 Nov 1993
LT COL Jon A. Gardner, Nov 1994
LT COL Bertram Conroy, 7 Jul 1995
LT COL Ronald T. Mittenzwei, 3 Jul 1996
LT COL Keith W. Snyder, 3 Jul 1997
LT COL Russel L. May, 25 Jun 1998
LT COL Mark A. Bucknam, 25 Jun 1999
LT COL Peter A. Costello, 16 Jun 2000
LT COL Jeffrey W. Hilton, 8 Jun 2001
LT COL Michael E. O'Boyle, 6 Jun 2003
LT COL William Bateman, 3 Jun 2004
LT COL Peter Lee, 26 May 2005
LT COL Richard D. LeBlanc, 23 May 2006
LT COL Don Fuller III, 6 Jun 2007
LT COL Timothy J. Sundvall, 16 Jun 2008
LT COL John L. Parker, 3 Jun 2009
LT COL Joseph W. Locke, 2 Jul 2010
LT COL John S. Meiter, 20 May 2011
LT COL Samantha A. Weeks, 24 May 2012
LT COL Travis Rex, 11 Jun 2013
LT COL Anthony Pelkington, 9 Jun 2014
LT COL Brian McFarlane, 12 Jun 2015
LT COL Brandon L. McBrayer, 10 Jun 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

1 August 1995 - 31 Jul 1997

1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007

1 Nov 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

EMBLEM



8th Operations Support Squadron emblem:

8th Operations Support Squadron emblem: Celeste, issuant from base a demi-wizard expanded Gray-bearded Argent eyed Or, habited in a cloak Gules belted and caped Sable wearing a peaked hat of the fifth, brim of the sixth below a wolf's head erased Black garnished Gray, eyed Yellow, armed White and langued Red between an increscent lightning flash in sinister and decrescent flash in dexter, each issuing from the wizard's respective hands of the fourth; all within a diminished bordure of the sixth. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "8TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "VENEFICI BELLI" in Black letters. 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 wizard symbolizes the Squadron's mission of predicting, planning and coordinating operations. The lightning flashes signify the diversity and rapid response of the unit's various functions. The wolf's head alludes to the parent unit's coat of arms and reflects the support

provided.

MOTTO

VENEFICI BELLI--Wizards of War

OPERATIONS

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