

88 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

88 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 17 Feb 1943
Activated, 1 Mar 1943
Inactivated, 26 Nov 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

88 Communications Squadron, Depot constituted, 16 May 1949
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active duty, 1 May 1950
Inactivated, 16 May 1951
Redesignated 88 Operations Squadron, Depot, 10 Oct 1952
Activated in the reserve, 20 Nov 1952
Redesignated 88 Operations Squadron (Depot), 12 Nov 1954
Inactivated, 8 Oct 1956
Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

645 Operations Support Squadron constituted, 1 Aug 1993
Activated, 1 Oct 1993

88 Airdrome Squadron and 88 Operations Squadron (Depot) reconstituted and consolidated with 645 Operations Support Squadron, 16 Sep 1994. Consolidated unit designated 645 Operations Support Squadron.

Redesignated 88 Operations Support Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Hunter Field, GA, 1 Mar-25 Sep 1943
Wheeler Field, HI, 16 Oct 1943
Kipapa Field, HI, 3 Dec 1943
Kahuku AAB, HI, 14 Jan 1944-30 Nov 1945
Santa Monica, CA, 27 Jun 1949
Norton AFB, CA, 1-16 May 1951
New York, NY, 20 Nov 1952-8 Oct 1956
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan-31 Dec 1995
1 Jan-31 Dec 1996
1 Jan-31 Dec 2002
1 Jan-31 Dec 2003
1 May 2008-30 Apr 2010
21 Jun 2010-20 Jun 2012
1 Aug 2013-31 Jul 2015

EMBLEM



Per fess Azure and Sable, four bars gemel the two to base segmented as four pair Or, supporting a chess knight in chief Argent detailed of the second surmounting three flight symbols rising bendwise in sinister and extending contrails arcing to dexter, issuant from base a five segmented runway line palewise to fess point White, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "KNIGHTS ON THE AIRFIELD" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "88TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 chess knight over flight symbols rising symbolizes the dedication of the Squadron to airfield support and to the flying unit it services. The bars gemel allude to a "hold short line" and along with the runway center line are indicative of the unit's pride in providing the best airfield operations. (Approved 16 Apr 1999; revised 9 Aug 2007)

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