

SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER



LINEAGE

Constituted as Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center on 23 Sep 1983
Activated on 1 Oct 1983
Inactivated on 1 Apr 1994
Redesignated as Air Force Special Operations Training Center on 5 Sep 2008
Activated on 1 Oct 2008

STATIONS

Eglin Air Force Auxiliary AflD # 9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 1983-1 Apr 1994
Eglin Air Force Auxiliary AflD # 9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Military Airlift Command, 1 Oct 1983
Air Force Special Operations Command, 22 May 1990-1 Apr 1994
Air Force Special Operations Command, 1 Oct 2008

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-130, 1990-1994
MH-53, 1992-1994
MH-60, 1992-1994

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Oct 1983-30 Nov 1986
Col Thomas A. Linn, 1 Dec 1986
Unmanned, 15 Apr-17 Jul 1990
Col Marvin A. Schott, 18 Jul 1990-1 Apr 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jun 1989-1 Jun 1991

EMBLEM

Per bend Smoke and Silver Gray, a bend Azure, bordered by flashes Or, between in sinister chief a hurt within an annulet Argent, bearing a mullet of the last, charged with a torteau and in dexter base a lamp of the fourth, flamed Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING CTR" in Blue letters.

Approved on 12 Dec 1984, but new emblem pending

EMBLEM 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 lightning bolts and diagonal bend signify the electronic continuum and link between the battlefield Airmen and air power. The General Hap Arnold star is a symbol that marks the origin of the Army Air Corps and early Air Commandos. It also represents the special operations origins in the European Theater during WWI and the link to the clandestine missions flown under codename "Operation Carpetbagger." The mission of AFSOC Training Center is to turn Airmen into Air Commandos. The lamp and flame are recognized symbols of knowledge and military wisdom, which are key characteristics of the training center. All elements combined symbolize the Training Center's mission to train and educate special operations airmen. It pays homage to the Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center (SMOTEC), a former AFSOC group-equivalent organization de-activated in the 1990's. The emblem is also a tribute to the origins of special operations and Air Commandos during WWII.

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OPERATIONS

Conducted operational tests and evaluations of new systems and tactics; prepared technical studies; proposed changes to doctrine; identified operational difficulties and recommended corrective actions, 1983-1994.

Air Force Special Operations Command formally stood up the Air Force Special Operations Training Center Oct. 6 2008 at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The center consolidates all of the command's training units under one roof.

It will be responsible for all mission qualification training of operators of AFSOC's gunships, special-mission transports, unmanned aerial vehicles, and nonstandard aviation, Col. Paul Harmon, the center's commander said in an interview Oct. 10. The AFSOTC will also be in charge of training the command's combat aviation advisors and special tactics airmen, he said.

AFSOC expects to have the center fully operational in Fiscal 2012.

1 Oct 83 The Special Operations Test and Evaluation Center was established at Hurlburt Field, Florida, and assigned directly to MAC. The Second Air Division commander served concurrently as the SMOTEC commander.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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