

1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 1 Special Operations Support Squadron directs operations of eight unique flights with more than 240 personnel. They orchestrate current operations, operational planning, weapons & tactics, aircrew training, weather, mobility, airfield operations, intelligence, operational medicine, maritime and range support, and joint ground liaison functions. The personnel in the 1 SOSS are unique blend of career fields including life support, weather, intelligence, personnel, airfield operations, Special Operations Medical fields, SERE, Army Special Forces, and Navy SEALs.

LINEAGE

1 Special Operations Support Squadron constituted, 21 Sep 1992

Activated, 22 Sep 1992

Redesignated 16th Operations Support Squadron, 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Support Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Hurlburt Field, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Special Operations (later, 16 Operations) Group, 22 Sep 1992-15 Nov 2006

1 Special Operations Group, 16 Nov 2006

COMMANDERS

Lt Col William P. West

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Gallant Unit Citation

6 Oct 2001-30 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

22 Sep 1992-15 Apr 1994

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

EMBLEM



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 sphere in the center of the emblem represents the unit's worldwide commitment to support special operations. The lightning bolt

surrounding the sphere alludes to unit's rapid response mission to employ forces anywhere around the world. The lightning bolt also represents the unit's responsibility in pursuit of excellence in providing command and control, planning, communications, intelligence, weather, airfield operations, and medical support in maintenance of AF Special Operations Forces. The dagger reflects the commitment by the unit to uphold the proud heritage of the air commandos.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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