

353rd SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron contains and operates the logistics and operations planning support functions for the entire group. The squadron also contains and maintains all of the communications assets assigned to the 353rd SOG. The squadron also contains the intelligence function for the group. In contingency operations and wartime actions, the SOSS becomes the group commander's combat staff.

LINEAGE

353rd Special Operations Support Squadron constituted, 21 Sep 1992

Activated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 353rd Operations Support Squadron, 15 Jan 1994

Redesignated 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron, 1 Aug 2010

STATIONS

Kadena AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

353rd Special Operations Wing (later, 353rd Special Operations Group), 1 Oct 1992

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

2 Sep 2004-1 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2008

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1993-31 May 1995

1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1997

16 Oct 1998-31 May 2000

13 Oct 2000-1 Sep 2002

2 Sep 2002-1 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, on a demi-globe issuant from base Argent, gridlined Sable, a roadrunner bird regardant Proper, grasping in its beak a lance bendwise shafted barry Or and of the third, head of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "PREPARE THE WAY" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "353 SOSS" in Black 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 swift and agile roadrunner bird represents the abilities of the Squadron to prepare mission plans, to operate as a deployed combat staff, and to deploy and mobilize forces worldwide, as depicted by the globe. The regardant posture of the bird reflects the unit's thoroughness in maintaining the forces that it supports. The warrior's spear symbolizes the special operations functions supported by the Squadron during combat operations. (Approved, 12 Sep 1994)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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