

18 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

18 Air Support Operations Group mission is to provide airmen with equipment and training so they can effectively provide operational analysis; formulate and recommend strategies; and execute the employment of effects-based air and ground operations in support of national, theater and tactical objectives Build and be recognized as the finest group and combat team in the United States Air Force.

LINEAGE

18 Air Support Communication Squadron constituted, 24 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Redesignated 18 Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944
Disbanded, 10 Jun 1944
Reconstituted, 19 Mar 1945
Activated, 15 Apr 1945
Inactivated, 12 Aug 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted, redesignated 18 Air Support Group and activated, 15 Jun 1992
Redesignated 18 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

STATIONS

Birmingham, AL, 1 Apr 1943
Lebanon, TN, 4 Sep 1943
Morris Fld, NC, 26 Nov 1943-15 Jan 1944
Oran, Algeria, 12 Feb 1944

Ain-el-Turck, Algeria, 10 Mar 1944
Oran, Algeria, 1 Apr 1944
Naples, Italy, 9 Apr 1944
Caserta, Italy, 11 Apr-10 Jun 1944
Haltern, Germany, 1 Apr 1945
Brunswick, Germany, May-Jul 1945
LeMoore AAF, CA, 24 Aug 1945
Camp Pinedale, CA, 8 Sep 1945
Biggs Fld, TX, 9 Mar-12 Aug 1946
Pope AFB, NC, 15 Jun 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance) Command, 1 Apr 1943
I Tactical Air Division, 3 Nov 1943
XII Air Support (later, XII Tactical Air) Command, 12 Feb-10 Jun 1944
Ninth Air Force, 15 Apr 1945
XXIX Tactical Air Command (Prov), 3 Jul 1945
Fourth Air Force, 24 Aug 1945
Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1946
Ninth Air Force, 28 Mar-12 Aug 1946
23 Wing, 15 Jun 1992
Ninth Air Force, 1 Feb 1994

COMMANDERS

Col Chris Jensen

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Rome-Arno 1944

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002

Meritorious Unit Awards

15 Feb 2005-17 Jan 2006

1 Jun 2012-31 May 2013

1 Jun 2013-31 May 2014

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1993-31 May 1995

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

25 Jan 2008-31 May 2009

1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010

1 Jun 2010-31 May 2011

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012

1 Jun 2014-31 May 2015

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