

23 SPECIAL OPERATIONS WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

23 Weather Squadron (Regional Control Hqs) constituted, 28 Oct 1943

Activated, 1 Nov 1943

Disbanded, 7 Sep 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated, 23 Weather Squadron, 3 Jun 2009

Activated, 3 Jul 2009

Redesignated 23 Special Operations Weather Squadron, 28 Mar 2013

STATIONS

San Antonio, TX, 1 Nov 1943

Kansas City, MO, 8 Nov 1943-7 Sep 1944

Hurlburt Field, FL, 3 Jul 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

AAF Weather Wing, 1 Nov 1943-7 Sep 1944

Twenty-Third Air Force (Air Forces Special Operations Forces), 3 Jul 2009

1 Special Operations Group, 28 Mar 2013

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Special Operations Group on 31 Jul 2012

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Diran Arakelian, 1 Nov 1943

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

3 Jul-30 Sep 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011

EMBLEM



23 Weather Squadron (Regional Control Hqs)



23 Weather Squadron emblem approved, 8 Jul 2009

23 Special Operations Weather Squadron emblem: On a disc parted per pale Azure and Sable, a dagger palewise, point to base, blade Argent, detailed of the second, hilt, grip and pommel Vert, in dexter an anemometer of the third, detailed of the second, fimbriated and conjoined to a fleur-de-lis Or, in sinister seven mullets two, three, and two of the third; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "23D SPECIAL OPS WEATHER SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The dark and light divided background represents day and night 24- hour operations performed by the unit. The stars symbolize the seven continents and the Squadron's mission to support weather data worldwide. The dagger represents Special Operations Forces and the supported Army units. The anemometer is symbolic of weather. (Approved, 29 Aug 2013)

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