

50 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 50 Operations Support Squadron is responsible for implementing operations and training policy for seven operational squadrons and manages the largest crew force in AFSPC. The squadron integrates new satellite and ground control programs into current operations, conducts force development evaluation throughout the 50th SW, and provides intelligence data to 50 SW units. 50 OSS also manages the \$150-million Space Operations and Maintenance Contract.

LINEAGE

50 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943
Activated, 1 Feb 1943
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944
Reconstituted, 1 Jan 1992
50 Operations Support Squadron, 30 Jan 1992

STATIONS

Herington AAF, Kansas
Casper AAB, Wyoming, 25 Mar 1943
Herington AAF, Kansas May 1943
Schriever AFB, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS

50 Operations Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Chris D. Crawford
William B. Robey, 7 Jun 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

EMBLEM



On a disk Azure, arched in dexter a flight symbol bendwise sinister, a polestar palewise in chief and in sinister a mullet of five points all Argent, detailed Gris, emitting from base a demiglobe Celeste gridlines of the field, surmounted by a winged heraldic beast with the head and neck of a griffin, body, hooves and tail of a horse of the second, detailed of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "50TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow 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 flight symbol and polestar represent operational satellites in the space frontier. The five-pointed star suggests future frontiers to explore. The heraldic beast reflects the unit's support to its parent wing, while characterizing the Squadron's constant command and control duties of Department of Defense satellites that provide communication and data transfer to military units worldwide.

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