

96 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



MISSION

The 96 Mission Support Group provides Aerospace Expeditionary Force readiness, fuels, supply, and transportation, ground combat training, security, personnel, education, family services, lodging, food service, recreation and logistics planning and deployment support to over 20,000 Team Eglin military and civilian personnel and 43,000 retirees. It deploys combat ready forces in support of worldwide contingency operations.

LINEAGE

96 Air Base Group
Redesignated 96 Combat Support Group
Redesignated 96 Support Group
Redesignated 96 Mission Support Group

STATIONS

Dyess AFB, TX, 25 Jun 1961
Eglin AFB, FL

COMMANDERS

Col Dearl L. Beard
Col Robert B. Templeman, 4 Oct 1954

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, a falcon's head erased Or holding in its beak a drop bomb bendwise nose to base Gules, garnished Sanguine, fimbriated of the second, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "96 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP" in Blue 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 falcon's head heraldically denotes the organization's bombardment heritage and also symbolizes the unit's steadfast pursuit of mission accomplishments. The bomb itself represents the weapons testing mission of the Wing.

MOTTO

E SEMPRE L'ORA--It Is Always the Hour

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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