

## 189 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### **MISSION**

The 189 Mission Support Group support and logistics functions, which include contracting, civil engineer, communications, security forces, force support and logistic readiness squadrons.

### **LINEAGE**

189 Support Group  
Redesignated 189 Mission Support Group

### **STATIONS**

Little Rock AFB, AR

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

189 Airlift Wing

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Alice Sanders  
LTC Rick Oxner  
LTC Wayne Berger

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

Or, on a chevron point in dexter flank Azure four mullets Argent, in chief a cloud of the last charged with a Native American head in profile erased regaled with headdress, necklace and face paint Proper, all within a diminished border per border outer Yellow and inner Gules. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "189 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 Arkansas Indian symbolizes bravery in war and peace. The stars and segment of diamond are from the Arkansas flag and represent the association of the unit with its home state.

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

As LTC Rick Oxner accepted the 189 Mission Support Group's guidon into his hands December 1, he took command of the most diverse group in the 189 Airlift Wing. The colonel, previously the group's deputy commander, took charge of communications, civil engineering, security, services, contracting and logistical support to the wing and five geographically separated units. Col Jim Summers, commander of the 189, presided over the ceremony. "When I was thinking about the words I could use to describe Col Sanders and Col Oxner, the same descriptive adjectives came to mind and my comments quickly began to look like an officer performance review," Col Summers said, as he joked with the audience. The wing commander said both are impeccable officers.

"The 189 Mission Support Group is in capable hands with Col Oxner," said Summers. Oxner, a resident of Little Rock, thanked Summers for the opportunity to lead the group with the upcoming operational readiness inspection quickly approaching. Oxner's group will play a key role in the success of the wing during the inspection. With more than 400 members under his command - nearly half of the entire wing - the group will be heavily scrutinized and will receive a score that will impact the wing's overall grade. Oxner is a civil engineering officer by trade and has served a combat tour in Iraq, earning a Bronze Star medal for his work as commander of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron at Balad Air Base in late 2004-early 2005. Oxner replaces Col Alice Sanders, who now serves as the wing's vice commander. 2008

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