

## 288<sup>th</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 288th OSS is composed of 52 dedicated Airmen and is one of three squadrons that comprises Distributed Common Ground Station - Arkansas, a combat unit operating and maintaining an Air National Guard component of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System. The 288th will provide support to the daily operations of the 188th ISR Group, including training, plans, mission management, and weapons and tactics functions for the AN/GSQ-272 "SENTINEL" weapon system.

### **LINEAGE**

288<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron

### **STATIONS**

Fort Smith, AR

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Paul Needham

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The last two A-10C ground-attack airplanes assigned to the Arkansas Air National Guard's 188th Fighter Wing left Fort Smith for good, ending the wing's manned flying mission, and ushering in its new mission, which includes operating MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft. "Seeing a manned airplane leave, knowing it was for the last time, was kind of hard to watch," said 188th FW Vice Commander Col. Peter Gauger at the unit's conversion ceremony on June 7 at Ebbing ANG Base, reported KFSM News of Fort Smith. "I was a little emotional and sad, to be honest with you," he added. During the ceremony, the 188th FW got a new designation: the 188th Wing, and officials inactivated the wing's former maintenance and operations units. The wing simultaneously redesignated the 184th Fighter Squadron the 184th Attack Squadron, for transition to operating the RPAs. Officials likewise christened the new 188th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron, and 288th Operations Support Squadron to support the new mission set. 2014

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