

## 1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### **MISSION**

The Airmen of the 1 Special Operations Mission Support Group provide garrison and deployed support for the 1 Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters and 34 partner units. It deploys manpower, equipment, and supplies to support training, exercises, and contingency operations.

The 1 Special Operations Mission Support Group is the most diverse group in the wing, as it's comprised of seven squadrons focusing on all areas of support. The squadrons that make up the 1 SOMSG are the 1 Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Special Operations Communications Squadron, 1 Special Operations Contracting Squadron, 1 Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron, 1 Special Operations Force Support Squadron, and the 1 Special Operations Security Forces Squadron. Because of the diversity of the squadrons, the group is able to provide the wing with all types of support, ranging from force protection and military construction projects to the lodging, transportation and messing of the base's populous and visitors.

### **LINEAGE**

Base Headquarters and 16th Air Base Squadron (Double) constituted, 14 Jul 1937

Activated, 1 Sep 1937

Redesignated 16th Air Base Group (Reinforced), 1 Sep 1940

Redesignated 16th Service Group, 14 Jul 1942

Disestablished, 31 Oct 1943

Reestablished and redesignated 16th Combat Support Group, 31 Jul 1985

1 Special Operations Support Group established, 23 Feb 1993

Activated, 24 Mar 1993

16 Combat Support Group and 1 Special Operations Support Group consolidated and redesignated 16 Support Group, 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated 16 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Mission Support Group, 16 Nov 2006

## **STATIONS**

France Fld, Canal Zone, 1 Sep 1937

Bruja Point, Canal Zone, 1 Sep 1940

Howard Fld, Canal Zone, 15 May 1941

Albrook Fld, Canal Zone, 31 Jul-31 Oct 1943

Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Airfield #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 24 Mar 1993

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

19 Wing, 1 Sep 1937

Panama Canal (later, Caribbean; Sixth) Air Force, 20 Nov 1940-31 Oct 1943

1 (later, 16) Special Operations Wing, 24 Mar 1993-15 Nov 2006

1 Special Operations Wing, 16 Nov 2006

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col William O. Butler, 1 Sep 1937

Lt Col Vernon L. Burge, 7 Jun 1939

Unknown, Sep 1939-1 Sep 1940

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

### **Meritorious Unit Awards**

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011

1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

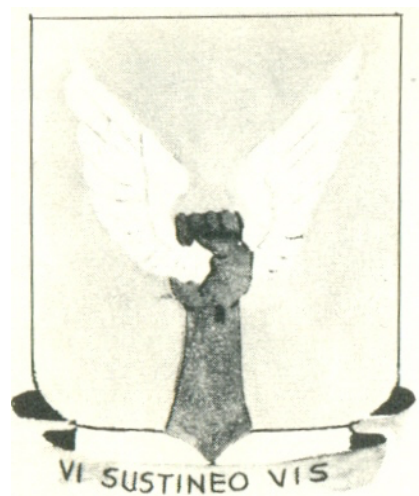
[24 Mar 1993] - 15 Apr 1994

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

## EMBLEM



16 Service Group emblem

1 Special Operations Mission Support Group emblem is that of the 1 Special Operations Wing with the group designation in the scroll. It is symbolic of the organization's history and mission. The blue background represents the sky and the United States Air Force. The 13 red and white stripes stand for the nation's original 13 colonies, the first American force to engage in war to defend freedom. The silver dagger is winged to indicate the 1 Special Operations Wing brings force through the air. A golden lamp of knowledge reflects the wing's civic action role and indicates that members of the 1 Special Operations Wing serve as teachers, as well as warriors, in helping our allies determine their own way of life and form of government.

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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### Sources

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