

3rd COMPTROLLER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

3rd Finance Disbursing Unit, Bombardment, Light constituted, 10 Aug 1948
Activated, 18 Aug 1948
Inactivated, 27 Oct 1949
Disbanded, 9 Aug 1950
Reconstituted and redesignated 3rd Comptroller Squadron, 27 Dec 1985
Activated, 1 Jan 1987
Inactivated, 19 Dec 1991
Activated, 20 Jun 1995

STATIONS

Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948-27 Oct 1949
Clark AB, Philippines, 1 Jan 1987-19 Dec 1991
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 20 Jun 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jan 1989-1 Jun 1990

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, issuing from base an arrow palewise trisecting to chief and terminating in three arrowheads Gules, surmounted by an American bald eagle Proper, wings displayed and grasping in dexter claw two lightning bolts in saltire Or, in sinister claw a quill bendwise sinister point to base Proper; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COUNT ON US" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "3RD COMPTROLLER SQ" in Yellow letters. 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 eagle represents the 3rd Wing and its inventory of F-15. The eagle holds in its talons two lightning bolts, representing air power, and a quill representing their support role to the warfighter. The arrows represent the Squadron's ability to deploy and operate anywhere in the world; a secondary significance of the arrows is their remembrance of the past, present mission capability and future vision.

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OPERATIONS

While the 3rd Comptroller Squadron dates only to 1948, accounting and finance support has accompanied the 3rd Wing and its predecessors since its days at Kelly Field, Texas. The 3rd Comptroller Squadron itself was constituted as the 3rd Finance Disbursing Unit and the squadron was activated 18 August 1948 at Yokota AB, Japan, along with the newly reorganized 3rd Bombardment Wing (Light). On 9 August 1950, the unit disbanded in favor of centrally directed detachments set up during the Korean War. The squadron remained inactive until 27 December 1985 when the Air Force reconstituted it as the 3rd Comptroller Squadron. The squadron activated again at Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines, on 1 January 1987. It remained active until the 12 June 1991 volcanic eruption of Mt Pinatubo forced the evacuation of Clark AB. When the 3rd Wing began operations at Elmendorf AFB on 19 December 1991, Accounting and Finance operated as a staff division of the 3rd Wing until the current reactivation of the 3rd Comptroller Squadron on 20 June 1995.



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