

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SPACE EXPERIMENTATION SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

3<sup>rd</sup> Surveillance Squadron constituted, 10 Aug 1990  
Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Surveillance Squadron and activated, 1 Oct 1992  
Inactivated, 20 Feb 2002  
Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Experimentation Squadron, 16 Feb 2006  
Activated, 10 Mar 2006

## STATIONS

Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1992-20 Feb 2002  
Schriever AFB, CO, 10 Mar 2006

## ASSIGNMENTS

73<sup>rd</sup> Space Group, 1 Oct 1992  
21<sup>st</sup> Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995-20 Feb 2002  
595<sup>th</sup> Space Group, 10 Mar 2006

## COMMANDERS

LTC Robert Preston  
LTC Richard Lucas  
LTC Jim Maestas  
LTC Jeff Hokett  
LTC Joseph Prue  
LTC Sam Johnson  
LTC Matt Cantore

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

None

## **Campaign Streamers**

None

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1997

1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999

1 Jan-31 Dec 1998

1 Jan-31 Dec 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Aug 2001

## **EMBLEM**

Sable, a temple dog salient or, resting its front paws on a globe azure gridlined argent, within two orbit rings saltirewise of the last; all within a diminished border of the third. Attached below and above the disc are white scrolls edged with narrow blue borders, the bottom scroll inscribed "Unequalled Excellence" in black letters. Blue and 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 black disc represents space. The blue globe denotes earth and the origin of deep space satellites as depicted by the double orbit rings. The temple guard dog known as vigilant sentinel and protector symbolizes the squadron's presence in the Orient and its constant surveillance of the sky for deep space satellites. (Approved, 27 Jul 1993)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 3rd Space Experimentation Squadron is AFSPC's premier organization for space-based demonstrations, pathfinders and experiments. The unit identifies concepts of employment, training, education and technical skill sets required to field selected future AFSPC missions. The 3rd SES will develop a core cadre of space professionals to serve as subject matter experts for all future AFSPC space-based endeavors, demonstrate operational utility of selected demonstrations and apply lessons learned from demonstrations and pathfinders for use in future initiatives.

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Sources

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