

11th AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

11th Air Support Operations Squadron, comprising 35 personnel, is aligned to the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, and provides Tactical Air Control Party support to the Regiment.

The 11th Air Support Operations Squadron will train, man, and equip Airmen, and be prepared to present mission ready forces to an air component commander, or task force commander, in support of world-wide contingency operations. These forces will be capable of sustaining full-spectrum operations as an autonomous expeditionary air support operations squadron and/or modular Tactical Air Control Teams responsible for integrating, planning, and directing execution of joint and coalition air-and space-power in support of the designated ground commander's scheme of maneuver. The squadron will maintain core Air Force squadron functionality in garrison or deployed to address personnel, logistics, and vehicle/radio maintenance related issues of assigned and attached forces. The 11th Air Support Operations Squadron has a habitual relationship with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. It will advise the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment commanding general and senior staff on air-and space-power doctrine, as well as the full-spectrum of capabilities resident in the air component, while simultaneously integrating, planning, and directing execution of joint/coalition air-and space-power in support of the joint/coalition campaign plan.

LINEAGE

11th Communications Squadron, Air Support constituted, 9 Sep 1942

Activated, 18 Sep 1942

Redesignated 11th Air Support Communication Squadron, 11 Jan 1943

Redesignated 11th Air Support Control Squadron, 20 Aug 1943
Redesignated 11th Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944
Inactivated, 12 Oct 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 11th Air Support Operations Squadron, 24 Jun 1994
Activated, 1 Jul 1994

STATIONS

Birmingham AAB, AL, 18 Sep 1942
Key Fld, MS, 26 Feb 1943
Lebanon, TN, 30 May 1943
Birmingham AAB, AL, 22 Sep-16 Nov 1943
Aldermaston, England, 10 Dec 1943
Aldermaston Court, England, 14 Jan 1944
Sunninghill Park, England, 12 Feb 1944
Aldermaston Court, England, 1 Mar 1944
Cricqueville, France, 9 Jul 1944
Nehou, France, 12 Jul 1944
Le Bingard, France, 31 Jul 1944
Mesnil Rogues, France, 4 Aug 1944
Poilley, France, 8 Aug 1944
Andouille, France, 16 Aug 1944
Autainville, France, 31 Aug 1944
Chalons, France, 13 Sep 1944
Etain, France, 24 Sep 1944
Nancy, France, 14 Oct 1944
Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 16 Jan 1945
Idar-Oberstein, Germany, 28 Mar 1945
Hersfeld, Germany, 9 Apr 1945
Erlangen, Germany, 26 Apr-Sep 1945
Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 12 Oct 1945
Ft Hood, TX, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance; III Tactical Air) Command; 18 Sep 1942
IX Fighter Command, 11 Dec 1943
Ninth Air Force, 1 Feb 1944
IX Air Support Command, 26 Feb 1944
XIX Air Support (later, XIX Tactical Air) Command, 4 Mar 1944
XII Tactical Air Command, 4 Jul-Oct 1945
3rd Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

COMMANDERS

LTC Richard Sutton

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1994-31 May 1996

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002

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OPERATIONS

Combat in European Theater of Operations, 6 Jun 1944-May 1945. Air support parties primarily served US Third Army units, directing air support missions for the ground forces they served. Provided three teams that participated in airborne and amphibious landings in the initial 6 Jun 1944 D-Day invasion.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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