

## 18<sup>th</sup> AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

18<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Group mission is to provide airmen with equipment and training so they can effectively provide operational analysis; formulate and recommend strategies; and execute the employment of effects-based air and ground operations in support of national, theater and tactical objectives Build and be recognized as the finest group and combat team in the United States Air Force.

### LINEAGE

18<sup>th</sup> Air Support Communication Squadron constituted, 24 Mar 1943

Activated, 1 Apr 1943

Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944

Disbanded, 10 Jun 1944

Reconstituted, 19 Mar 1945

Activated, 15 Apr 1945

Inactivated, 12 Aug 1946

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted, redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Air Support Group and activated, 15 Jun 1992

Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

### STATIONS

Birmingham, AL, 1 Apr 1943

Lebanon, TN, 4 Sep 1943

Morris Fld, NC, 26 Nov 1943-15 Jan 1944

Oran, Algeria, 12 Feb 1944

Ain-el-Turck, Algeria, 10 Mar 1944

Oran, Algeria, 1 Apr 1944  
Naples, Italy, 9 Apr 1944  
Caserta, Italy, 11 Apr-10 Jun 1944  
Haltern, Germany, 1 Apr 1945  
Brunswick, Germany, May-Jul 1945  
LeMoore AAF, CA, 24 Aug 1945  
Camp Pinedale, CA, 8 Sep 1945  
Biggs Fld, TX, 9 Mar-12 Aug 1946  
Pope AFB, NC, 15 Jun 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance) Command, 1 Apr 1943  
I Tactical Air Division, 3 Nov 1943  
XII Air Support (later, XII Tactical Air) Command, 12 Feb-10 Jun 1944  
Ninth Air Force, 15 Apr 1945  
XXIX Tactical Air Command (Prov), 3 Jul 1945  
Fourth Air Force, 24 Aug 1945  
Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1946  
Ninth Air Force, 28 Mar-12 Aug 1946  
23<sup>rd</sup> Wing, 15 Jun 1992  
Ninth Air Force, 1 Feb 1994

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Chris Jensen

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Rome-Arno 1944  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers  
None

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Jun 1993-31 May 1995  
1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

### **EMBLEM**



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**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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