

19th WEAPONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

19th Observation Squadron (Light) constituted, 5 Feb 1942
Activated, 2 Mar 1942
Redesignated 19th Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Redesignated 19th Liaison Squadron, 2 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1945
Redesignated 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron (Light), and activated, 17 Jun 1963
Organized, 8 Jul 1963
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Aug 1964
Activated, 16 Oct 1964
Organized, 21 Oct 1964
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 19th Weapons Squadron, 24 Jan 2003
Activated, 3 Feb 2003

STATIONS

Miami Muni Aprt, FL, 2 Mar 1942
Jacksonville Muni Aprt, FL, 7 Mar 1942
Pope Field, NC, 11 May 1942
Morris Field, NC, 19 Oct 1942
Camp Campbell (later, Campbell AAFld), KY, 3 Apr 1943
Aiken AAFld, SC, 22 Jun 1943-26 Feb 1944
Bombay, India, 9 Apr 1944

Kanchrapara, India, 15 Apr 1944
Ondal, India, 29 Apr 1944
Chabua, India, 17 May 1944
Kunming, China, 29 May 1944
Chengkung, China, 28 Mar 1945
Nanning, China, 18 Aug 1945
Calcutta, India, Oct-7 Nov 1945
Fort Lewis, WA, 30 Nov-1 Dec 1945
Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963-8 Aug 1964
Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 21 Oct 1964
Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Aug 1971
Osan AB, South Korea, 15 Jan 1972
Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Aug 1989
Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1993
Nellis AFB, NV, 3 Feb 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942
Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942
66th Observation (later, 66th Reconnaissance) Group, 29 Mar 1942
I Air Support Command (later, I Tactical Air Division), 11 Aug 1943
U. S. Army Forces, China-Burma-India, Apr 1944
Fourteenth Air Force, 29 May 1944
69th Composite Wing, 10 Jun 1944
Tenth Air Force, 1 Aug-1 Dec 1945
34th Tactical Group, 8 Jul 1963-8 Aug 1964
34th Tactical Group, 21 Oct 1964
6251st Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1965
505th Tactical Control Group, 8 Nov 1965
504th Tactical Air Support Group, 8 Dec 1966
314th Air Division, 15 Jan 1972
51st Composite Wing, 30 Sep 1974
5th Tactical Air Control Group, 8 Jan 1980
51st Fighter (later, 51st Operations) Group, 1 Oct 1990-1 Oct 1993
USAF Weapons School, 3 Feb 2003

ATTACHMENTS

Y Force, 29 May 1944-8 Aug 1944
6250th Tactical Air Support Group, Provisional, 1 Aug-8 Nov 1965
Tactical Air Support Group, Provisional, 6253, 9 Sep-8 Dec 1966

COMPONENTS

Detachment 1 Camp Casey, South Korea, 15 Apr 1976-8 Jan 1980

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20C, 1942-1943
B-25, 1942-1943
DB-7, 1942-1943
L-1A, 1942
L-4, 1942-1943, 1943-1944
O-46, 1942-1943
O-52, 1942
P-39D, 1942-1943
P-43A, 1942-1943
L-2, 1943, 1943-1944
L-3, 1943
L-5, 1943, 1943-1945
L-6, 1943; 1943-1944
P-51, 1943
O-1, 1963-1964
O-1, 1964-1970, 1971
O-2, 1968-1971, 1972-1975
OV-10, 1968-1971, 1975-1983, 1985-1989
OA-37, 1983-1985
A(later OA)-10, 1989-1993

COMMANDERS

Maj Lorick L. Stephenson Jr., 2 Mar 1942
Maj George W. Ribble, 15 Mar 1942
1LT Forrest J. Jourder, 27 Sep 1942
Cpt Woodrow Herring, 28 Sep 1942
Cpt Horace B. Wetherwell, 8 Oct 1942
Maj Richard D. Day, 26 Apr 1943
Cpt Edward W. Gamard, Sep 1944
1LT Dominic V. DiVincenzo, Dec 1944
Maj William E. Surginer, Jan 1945-unkn
Unkn, 8-9 Jul 1963
Maj David W. Shoup, 10 Jul 1963
LTC John J. Wilfong, 19 Jul 1963
LTC Fredrick J. McAnally, 9 Mar 1964
LTC Andrew J. Chapman, 14 Jul-8 Aug 1964
LTC Vincent J. Mankowski, 21 Oct 1964
LTC Daniel J. Miller, 1 May 1965
LTC Alfred N. King, by Jun 1966
LTC John J. Jones Jr., 10 Feb 1967
LTC Paul D. Jones, 2 Sep 1967
LTC James T. Patrick, 13 Mar 1968
LTC John D. Ward, 4 Dec 1968

LTC William G. Reitz, 3 Jun 1969
Maj Thomas A. Shircliff, 16 Sep 1969 (acting)
LTC William G. Reitz, 13 Oct 1969
LTC William G. Morton, 6 Apr 1970
LTC Andrew G. Martin Jr., 19 Jan 1971
LTC Irl R. Hollingsworth, 15 Jul-30 Sep 1971
None (not manned), 1 Oct 1971-14 Jan 1972
Col William R. Peters, 15 Jan 1972
LTC Reginald H. Shepherd, 25 Jul 1972
Col Ross W. Watt Jr., 8 Aug 1972
Col Charles Carr, 13 Aug 1973
Col Elford L. Carwile, Aug 1974
LTC Robert J. Watson, 21 Sep 1974
LTC Ralph F. Wetzell, 23 Jul 1975
LTC Glenn A. Griffith, 22 Jan 1976
LTC Felix L. Sambogna, 1 Sep 1977
LTC Donald Wheeler Jr., 17 Oct 1977
Maj Thomas E. Cleland, 24 Jul 1979 (temporary)
LTC Ralph D. Barclay, 25 Aug 1979
LTC Frederick Bosse, 23 Sep 1980
LTC Morris R. Taffet, 1 Jul 1982
LTC Robert W. Gaskin, 15 Jun 1984
LTC William E. Townsley, 12 Jun 1985
LTC Garland W. Padgett Jr., 26 Jun 1987-unkn
LTC Richard B. Tallman Jr., 14 Dec 1990
LTC William H. Camp, 29 Jun 1992
LTC Sydney G. McPherson, 12 Jul-1 Oct 1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

India-Burma; China Defensive

Central Burma

China Offensive

Vietnam

Vietnam Advisory

Vietnam Defensive

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Command Hunt VI

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia)

1 Aug 1968-31 Aug 1969

1 Jan-31 Dec 1970

30 Jan-30 Sep 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with the Combat V Device

1 May 1963-31 Jul 1964

1 Jul 1965-15 May 1966

1 Jul 1966-31 May 1967

1 May 1969-30 Apr 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

30 Sep 1974-31 Mar 1976

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1984-30 Apr 1986

1 Dec 1986-2 Oct 1988

3 Oct 1988-30 Sep 1990

1 Oct 1992-[1 Oct 1993]

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-[30 Sep 1971]

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

19-20 Aug 1972

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On a white disc, border black, piped white, a gremlin proper, wearing a blue suit trimmed with collar, cuffs, and three buttons, all red, red shoes and cap, diving through the air, peering forward under the cupped right hand while holding brown briefcase in the left hand; binoculars strung about the neck by black straps and flowing to rear. The insignia typifies the function of the squadron, speedy courier service, observation, reconnaissance, and liaison. (Approved, 11 Oct 1943)

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OPERATIONS

The 19th observation (later, Liaison) Squadron activated on 2Mar 1942. Flew anti-submarine

missions while undergoing observation training at various bases in the southeastern U.S. Shipped to the west coast and departed the U.S. on 9 Mar 1944. Arrived in India in April, and after several weeks of further training, moved to China in May 1944 to begin observation missions in support of Chinese ground forces. At various times, the 19th was based at or operated detachments from Kunming, Chengkung, Nanning, Poashan, Wenshan, Yunnanyi, Chihkiang, Kweiyang, and Liuchow. After Mar 1945, the squadron carried mail and passengers to American liaison personnel in South China, and 19 TASS flew re-supply missions to resistance forces operating behind enemy lines in French Indochina. Shortly after the Japanese surrendered, the 19th returned via India to the U.S., where it inactivated on 1 Dec 1945.

The 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron organized in Jul 1963 South Vietnam, where it flew missions for the Vietnamese Air Force and trained Vietnamese pilots and observers in the O-1. Operations including forward air support, combat support liaison, visual reconnaissance, forward air control of fighters, artillery adjustment, and escort for convoys, trains, and helicopters. Also flew psychological warfare, radio relay, and re-supply missions. Briefly inactivated between Aug and Oct 1964, the 19th TASS renewed its support of combat operations on 21 Oct. Primarily it provided visual and photographic reconnaissance and airborne forward air control for fighter aircraft. Also trained USAF and Vietnamese pilots and observers in O-1 and, from 1968, O-2 and OV-10 operations. Then, on 30 Sep 1971, another unit absorbed the 19th's resources. The squadron remained unmanned and unequipped until transferred to Osan AB, South Korea, on 15 Jan 1972. Taking over the O-2s of another squadron, the 19th TASS supported the Eighth U.S. Army and Republic of Korea (ROK) ground forces, providing close air and aerial reconnaissance support. In 1973, trained the ROK Air Force to operate a Direct Air Support Center. In 1975, converted to the OV-10A.

Provided close air and aerial reconnaissance support, supporting the Eighth U.S. Army and Republic of Korea ground forces, Jan 1972-1980; operated the forward air control mission within the Korean tactical air control system, 1980-1 Oct 1993.

Operated from 1975 until 1980 a tactical air control system from three forward locations, and maintained a detachment from 15 Apr 1976 to 8 Jan 1980 at Camp Casey, one of the three forward locations. Since 1980, the 19th has operated the forward air control mission within the Korean tactical air control system. Operated from Suwon AB, Sep-Nov 1983, while runway repair went on at Osan AB. Converted in 1983 to the OA-37B only to switch back to the OV-10 two years later. Periodically deployed personnel and aircraft at Clark AB, Philippines, for Cope Thunder exercises, supporting close air support tactical fighter aircraft in coordination with tactical air control systems. While assigned to the 5th Tactical Air Control Group during the 1980s, provided battalion liaison officers to the 2nd Infantry Division and OV-10 forward air controllers to the Seventh Air Force commander in support of the Korean Tactical Air Control System. Moved from Osan AB to Suwon AB, South Korea, in August 1989, but returned to Osan on 1 Oct 1990, when it was assigned to the 51st Fighter Group.

Air Combat Command officials approved the syllabus of a newly revamped Intelligence Weapons Instructor Course (IWIC) at the Air Force's Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev. Lt. Col. Abraham Jackson, commander of the 19th Weapons Squadron, said the new course consists of 415.5 academic hours and the syllabus covers 15 missions that takes place over 102 days at Nellis and several other locations. The new course aligns two former WIC courses—the intelligence sensor course and intelligence course—into one, said Jackson. The new IWIC is undergoing validation by the current Weapons School class, 14B, with the first official class of 12 students set to graduate in February 2015. The realignment is an effort to streamline content to meet USAF's new intelligence strategic vision, published last year by the Air Staff's intelligence directorate. The course emphasizes new training and concepts to better prepare graduates to operate in contested and degraded environments, using ISR gleaned from the air, sea, land, and cyber domains. Graduates will get training in tactical to national level sources and methods, Jackson noted, to develop a better understanding of adversary intentions and capabilities. The new course also incorporates a new phase dedicated to mission planning and ISR operations, where students learn to leverage ISR from several different mission sets. 2014

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Sources

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